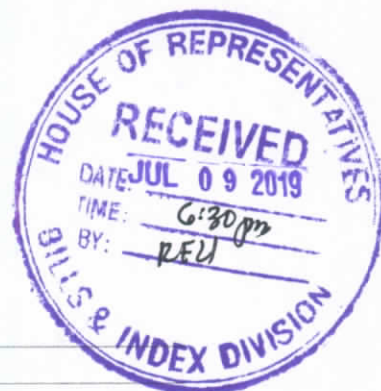


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 2 of Article X of the Constitution states that the territorial and political subdivisions of the State shall enjoy local autonomy.

Further, Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 states that:

"It is the declared policy of the state that the territorial and political subdivisions of the State shall enjoy genuine and meaningful local autonomy to enable them to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities and make them more effective partners in the attainment of national goals. Toward this end, the State shall provide for a more responsive and accountable local government structure instituted through a system of decentralization whereby local government units shall be given more powers, authority, responsibilities, and resources. The process of decentralization shall proceed from the national Government to the local government units."

Whereas, under Presidential Decree No. 1445 otherwise known as the Government Auditing Code of the Philippines, the fifty percent share of the barangays in the collection of the community tax certificates has to be remitted first to the municipal/city treasury before the same is released back to the coffers of the barangay. Aside from being a long and circuitous process, more often than not, the immediate release to the barangay is subject to the discretion of the municipal or city treasurer.

Hence, there is a need to redefine this process by making it more barangay friendly by amending the law so as to allow the bonded barangay treasurers to automatically retain the barangay's 50% from the CTC collection. In this way, barangays can immediately have their shares and spend the same for their programs and projects.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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AN ACT

AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1445, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT AUDITING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, BY ALLOWING BONDED BARANGAY TREASURERS TO RETAIN THE BARANGAYS' 50% SHARE FROM PAYMENTS OF COMMUNITY TAX CERTIFICATES

**Section 1. Declaration of Policy.** — It is the declared policy of the state that the territorial and political subdivisions of the State shall enjoy genuine and meaningful local autonomy to enable them to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities and make them more effective partners in the attainment of national goals. Toward this end, the State shall provide for a more responsive and accountable local government structure instituted through a system of decentralization whereby local government units shall be given more powers, authority, responsibilities, and resources. The process of decentralization shall proceed from the national Government to the local government units.

**Section 2. Amendment.** — The first paragraph of Section 69 of Presidential Decree No. 1445 otherwise known as the Government Auditing Code of the Philippines is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 69. Deposit of Moneys in the Treasury. — (1) Public officers authorized to receive and collect moneys arising from taxes, revenues, or receipts of any kind shall remit or deposit intact the full amounts so received and collected by them to the treasury of the agency concerned and credited to the particular accounts to which the said moneys belong, **EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF BONDED BARANGAY TREASURERS WHO SHALL RETAIN AUTOMATICALLY THE BARANGAY'S FIFTY PERCENT (50%) SHARE FROM PAYMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY TAX CERTIFICATES.** The amount of the collections ultimately payable to other agencies of the government shall thereafter be remitted to the respective treasuries of these agencies, under regulations which the Commission and the Department (Ministry) of Finance shall prescribe.”

**Section 3. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 4. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,