

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 976



Introduced by Honorable Michael L. Romero

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The development of the **Bureau of Local Government Finance** from a mere organizational unit of the Provincial and Municipal Finance Division of the Department of Finance to its present status as a Bureau.

September 24, 1972, it was enacted to effect reorganization and administrative reforms in the government machinery. Thru this, the *Local Government Finance Division* evolved into *Local Government Finance Service* composed of two divisions, namely: the Local Treasury Operations Division and the Real Property Tax Assessment Division.

July 17, 1974, PD No. 509 was issued creating a Local Tax Ordinance Advisory Board which was composed of 15 positions to become an integral part of the Local Government Service.

December 21, 1977, PD 1266 was enacted to provide for the establishment of the Regional Offices of the Department of Finance and to further restructure the Local Government Finance Service into the *Office of the Local Government Finance*.

The issuance of Executive Order 766 on January 7, 1982 effected the turn-over of supervision of Real Property Tax Administration (RPTA) Program from the then, Ministry of Local Government and Community Development (MLGCD) to the Ministry of Finance (MOF) including the technical and administrative support of the project together with the personnel, appropriations, equipment and records.

This House Bill seeks to foster and hasten the review of the new and revised ordinances; to handle or decide cases of protests or complaints of taxpayers, request for advice, proper interpretation of certain codal provisions and other related matters.

This House Bill aims at providing effective manpower and funding for the implementation, coordination and monitoring of national and local fiscal plans and programs at the local levels.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT

STRENGTHENING THE BUREAU OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FINANCE (**BLGF**), TO AUGMENT AN EFFECTIVE
REORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS IN THE
GOVERNMENT MACHINERY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby a declared policy
of the state to:

- Support in the formulation and implementation of policies on local government revenue administration and fund management;
- Implement administrative, technical supervision and coordination over the treasury and assessment operation of local government;
- Improve plans and programs for the improvement of resource management system, collection enforcement mechanisms and credit utilization schemes at the local levels;

- Arrange for consultative services and technical assistance to the local government and the general public on local taxation, real property assessment and other related matters;
- Exercise line supervision over its Regional Offices and the local treasury and assessment and other related matters;
- Execute such other tasks or functions as maybe assigned by the Secretary of Finance or Undersecretary for Domestic Operations.

SECTION 2. ADDITIONAL STAFFING (WORKFORCE) – The state shall hereby provide additional staffing (personnel) to carry out the noble mandates of the BLGF.

The Bureau was structured along the Department's Domestic Finance Group together with Bureau of the Treasury; Financial and Fiscal Policy Planning Office, all under the supervision of the Undersecretary of Finance for Domestic Finance.

Today, the BLGF Central Office is composed of five major units – the Internal Administration Office; the Local Finance Policy Enforcement Service; the Intelligence and Investigation Office; the Field Operations Examination Group; the Special Projects Management Service and fifteen Regional Offices. The Bureau has a personnel complement of 116 in the Central Office and 280 in the regional offices at present.

SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - Thereafter, such sum as may be needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SECTION 4. TRANSITORY PROVISION – Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,