

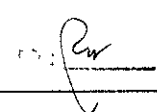
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**Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III**

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO EFFECT THE EXEMPTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE POPULATION REQUIREMENT IN THE COMPUTATION OF THE SHARE IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 285 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"**

**WHEREAS**, on June 15, 1991, Mt. Pinatubo erupted, resulting in hundreds of deaths and the displacement of hundreds of thousands in Luzon;

**WHEREAS**, the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo affected a large part of the Island of Luzon with the provinces of Pampanga, Tarlac, Bulacan, Bataan and Zambales, among the hardest hit areas;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Bacolor, in the Province of Pampanga, is the local government unit most affected by the lahar flows brought about by the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo;

**WHEREAS**, thousands of residents of the Municipality of Bacolor had to relocate to resettlement areas in Bulaon, City of San Fernando, Madapdap Resettlement in Mabalacat, Sta. Lucia Resettlement in Magalang, Pandacaqui in Mexico and other municipalities in Pampanga, thereby leaving the Municipality of Bacolor "depopulated";

**WHEREAS**, due to the depopulation of the Municipality of Bacolor, the amounts of the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) it received in the subsequent years were reduced as Section 285 of Republic Act 7160 provides that the share of municipalities in the Internal Revenue Allotment shall be allocated based on population (50%), land area (25%) and equal sharing (25%);

**WHEREAS**, most of those "former Bacolor residents" now found in evacuation and relocation centers have retained their voters' registration in the Municipality of Bacolor and demand the availability of basic services through their elected officials despite having been relocated to resettlement areas, and that because of this, the Municipality of Bacolor still performs constituency services to those "former Bacolor residents" now found in evacuation and relocation centers;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Bacolor is functioning as if its population has not been depopulated;

**WHEREAS**, the obligations, responsibilities, functions, and duties of the Municipality of Bacolor can best be met if its Internal Revenue Allotment is computed as if its population has not been depopulated, that is, using the population figures prior to the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo;

**WHEREAS**, the unfortunate incident that happened to the Municipality of Bacolor is a *force majeure* and could be classified as a "special case which requires special treatment";

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO EFFECT THE EXEMPTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE POPULATION REQUIREMENT IN THE COMPUTATION OF THE SHARE IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 285 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991".**

*Adopted,*

  
**AQUILINO "KOKO" MARTIN L. PIMENTEL III**