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**Explanatory Note**

With the passage of the Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008 or RA 9520, a lot of changes are expected to happen in the cooperative sector. With these changes, the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) should be responsive enough to the sector. Unfortunately, the current charter of CDA under Republic Act No. 6939 could no longer meet such challenges. Thus, it is imperative that the charter of CDA must be amended as well and be attuned to the changes and amendments in the Philippine Cooperative Code.

Among the significant changes that this bill envisions for the CDA Charter are the following:

1. The bill clearly defines the regulatory and supervisory powers of the agency;
2. It also defines its developmental functions;
3. It also provides for the adjudicatory powers of the CDA over intra and inter-cooperative conflicts and disputes which were not settled before the voluntary arbitration and mediation bodies;
4. It amends the composition of the CDA Board from the current geographical representation to representation by the different types of cooperatives, and an additional four ex-officio members from government agencies;
5. It creates a Regional Cooperative and Adjudication Boards; and
6. It places the CDA under the Office of the President.

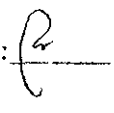
With the foregoing amendments to the CDA Charter, it is expected that the Authority will be more responsive and relevant to the cooperative sector.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**TO RESTRUCTURE AND STRENGTHEN THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT**  
**AUTHORITY, REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6939,**  
**OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT**  
**AUTHORITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1       **SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "*The New Cooperative*  
2       *Development Authority (CDA) Charter.*"  
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4       **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to  
5       promote the viability and growth of cooperatives as a potent vehicle for promoting  
6       equity, social justice and economic development. Towards this end, the State shall  
7       maintain an Authority that shall function and operate as a central policy, developmental,  
8       and regulatory governmental body in the discharge of its mandated responsibilities  
9       concerning cooperatives.  
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11       **SEC. 3. The Cooperative Development Authority.** – The Cooperative  
12       Development Authority created under Republic Act No. 6939, herein referred to as the  
13       Authority, is hereby restructured to carry out the provisions of this Act and those of  
14       Republic Act No. 9520, the Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008.  
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16       The Authority shall have its principal place of business in Metro Manila, and may  
17       maintain offices, and branches in such other places as the proper conduct of its  
18       business may require. The Authority shall be an agency attached to the Office of the  
19       President.  
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1           **SEC. 4. Powers and Functions of the Authority.** – The Authority, after  
2 consultation with the cooperative sector, shall formulate and implement the necessary  
3 policies to further strengthen the cooperative sector. It shall likewise issue the  
4 necessary rules and regulations for the sound operations of all types of cooperatives,  
5 federations and/or unions in accordance with the provisions of R.A. 9520 and other  
6 pertinent laws. It shall have the following powers and functions:

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8           **I. Regulation and Supervision -**  
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10           (a) Exercise the sole power to register all types and categories of cooperatives,  
11 transfer all or substantially all of the cooperative's assets and liabilities in case of  
12 dissolution and liquidation of cooperatives as provided under Chapter VII of R.A. 9520,  
13 and such other matters as may be required by the Authority.

14           (b) Provide appropriate implementing rules and regulations, in consultation with  
15 the sector and other pertinent government agencies dealing with the different types of  
16 cooperatives, regarding inspection and audit of cooperatives, federations and unions,  
17 including their branches, subsidiaries and affiliates engaged in allied activities.

18           (c) Regulate and, together with relevant government agencies, have supervision  
19 over inspection and audit of cooperatives, federations and unions, including their  
20 branches, subsidiaries and affiliates engaged in allied activities. *Provided, however,*  
21 that the Authority may delegate such power to an accredited cooperative federation  
22 and/or union on conditions and guidelines as may be prescribed by the Board.

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24           (d) Suspend or revoke the certificate of registration of a cooperative not compliant  
25 with the provisions of R.A. 9520 and other pertinent laws, after due process and  
26 formally notifying the cooperative of its non-compliance.

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28           (e) Establish the necessary standards, rules and regulations on cooperative  
29 governance, management and financial performance, in consultation with the sector  
30 and other relevant government agencies and the sector, in order to monitor and  
31 evaluate the cooperative's performance. The Authority shall also set the standards for  
32 the training and education undertaken by accredited cooperative federations or unions  
33 for their cooperative members.

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35           The heads and the inspectors of the supervising and/or examining department of  
36 the Authority are hereby authorized to administer oaths to any director, officer, or  
37 employee of any institution under their respective supervision or subject to their  
38 examination and to compel the presentation of all books, documents, papers or records

1 necessary, in their judgment, to ascertain the true condition of the concerned  
2 cooperative as well as the books and records of persons and entities relative to or in  
3 connection with the operations, activities or transactions of the institution under  
4 inspection, subject to the provisions of existing laws protecting or safeguarding the  
5 secrecy or confidentiality of deposits as well as investments of private persons, natural  
6 or juridical, and in debt instruments issued by the Government.

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8 (f) Authorized to request from government offices and instrumentalities, including  
9 local government units, or government-owned or -controlled corporations, any data  
10 which it may require for the proper discharge of its functions and responsibilities.

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12 The Authority, through the Executive Director or, in his/her absence, a duly  
13 authorized representative shall have, upon approval by the Board, the power to issue a  
14 *subpoena* and *subpoena duces tecum* for the production of the books and records of  
15 any cooperative. Those who refuse to supply the information or data requested or  
16 required, shall be subject to punishment for contempt in accordance with the provisions  
17 of the Rules of Court.

18  
19 Data or information gathered from individual cooperatives, federations or unions,  
20 shall be held in the strictest confidentiality by the Authority and shall not be made  
21 available to any person or entity outside of the Authority, whether public or private,  
22 except under order of a court of law or under such conditions as may be prescribed by  
23 the Board: *Provided, however,* That aggregate or collective data on cooperatives may  
24 be released to interested parties or entities.

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26 (g) Require all cooperatives, federations and unions to submit their annual financial  
27 statements, duly audited by certified public accountants, and general information  
28 sheets.

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30 (h) Issue Certificate of Good Standing to cooperatives compliant to RA 9520 and  
31 other related laws governing cooperatives.

32  
33 (j) Require all Board of Directors and officers of cooperatives to undergo  
34 cooperative governance and risk management courses to be conducted by any group  
35 or institution authorized or accredited by the Authority.

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1 (k) Periodically assess the required paid-up share capital of cooperatives and may  
2 increase it every five (5) years when necessary upon consultation with the cooperative  
3 sector and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA).

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5 (l) Determine types of cooperatives aside from those enumerated under R.A. 9520.  
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7 **II. Developmental -**  
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9 (a) Act as conduit of government funds to cooperatives. The Authority shall issue  
10 implementing rules and guidelines relative to this.

11  
12 (b) Act as the sole coordinative body for all planning and execution of government  
13 projects and programs geared towards cooperative development, viability and  
14 sustainability. Monitor cooperative projects and programs funded and/or implemented  
15 by international organizations that are coursed through the Philippine government.  
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17 (c) Coordinate or liaise with other relevant government agencies and cooperative  
18 federations to provide the necessary technical assistance to cooperatives in the  
19 preparation of technical and project proposals, feasibility studies and similar  
20 undertakings needed to upgrade the cooperative's operations.

21  
22 (d) Link cooperatives with qualified federations/or unions and other appropriate  
23 government agencies, to provide needed capability-building assistance.  
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25 **III. Adjudication -**  
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27 (a) Mediate, conciliate or adjudicate disputes within a cooperative or between  
28 cooperatives, upon the request of either or both parties: *Provided, however,* That  
29 before any party can validly file a complaint with the Authority for voluntary arbitration, it  
30 must first secure a certificate of non-resolution from its conciliation and mediation  
31 committee, and for cooperatives which are members of any federation or union, the  
32 Authority only takes cognizance of their case when there is a certificate of non-  
33 resolution from the federation or union to which it is affiliated: *Provided, further,* That the  
34 provisions of Article 137 of Chapter 18 of R.A. 9520 are strictly adhered to.  
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36 (b) Impose penalties and fines, after due process, on all cooperatives which are not  
37 compliant to the provisions of R.A. 9520.  
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1 (c) Investigate cooperative directors, officers and employees who have willfully  
2 violated provisions of R.A. 9520 and other pertinent cooperative laws. The said  
3 investigation shall be in close coordination with the present directors and officers of the  
4 subject cooperative.

5  
6 (d) Order the cancellation, after due notice and hearing, of a cooperative's  
7 certificate of registration for non-compliance with administrative requirements as  
8 provided for in this Act and R.A. 9520 and in cases of voluntary dissolution.

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10 (e) Accredite a list of voluntary arbitrators whose jurisdiction shall be exclusive and  
11 original and their decisions shall be appealable to the Office of the President. The  
12 Authority shall issue and adopt the proper rules of procedure governing arbitration as  
13 the primary and exclusive mode for dispute resolution in accordance with R.A. 9285 or  
14 the Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004.

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16 **SEC. 5. Organizational Structure.** – The Authority shall consist of the following  
17 units:

18  
19 (a) Board of Directors – A collegial body composed of the Chairperson and six (6)  
20 regular directors and four (4) ex-officio directors. The members of the Board of  
21 Directors shall be appointed by the Office of the President, one per the following  
22 sectors based on the Types of Cooperatives under R.A. 9520, and from among their  
23 respective nominees :

- 24  
25 1) Credit and Financial Services Cooperatives  
26 2) Cooperative Banks and Insurance Cooperatives  
27 3) Producers and Consumers – covering Farmers, Agriculture, Agrarian  
28 Reform, Dairy and Marketing Cooperatives  
29 4) Advocacy and Training including Education Cooperatives  
30 5) Electric Cooperatives  
31 6) Service Coops – covering Housing, Transportation, Health Services,  
32 Water Services

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34 The four (4) other Board Directors shall be the Deputy Director General of the  
35 National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) and an Undersecretary each of the  
36 Department of Finance (DOF), Department of Agriculture (DA), and the Department of  
37 Trade and Industry (DTI).

1 (b) Executive Director – shall act as the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority; and

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3 (c) Staff Services - The Staff Services of the Authority shall be as follows:

4  
5 1) Administrative

6 2) Finance

7 3) Planning

8 4) Institutional Development with Special Sections for Financial Service and  
9 Credit Cooperatives, Public Service Cooperatives, Agri- Cooperatives

10 5) Supervision and Examination

11 6) Legal

12 7) Registration

13  
14 (d) Regional and Field Officers - The Authority shall establish, operate and maintain  
15 regional offices as may be necessary, headed by regional directors who shall implement  
16 the policies and programs of the Authority in their respective regions.

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18 **SEC. 6. The Terms of the Board of Directors.** – The Board of Directors from  
19 the cooperative sector shall serve for a term of six (6) years without reappointment. Any  
20 vacancy in the Board shall be filled by appointment by the President in accordance with  
21 the provisions of the preceding Section: *Provided*, That a member so appointed shall  
22 serve only for the unexpired term.

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24 **SEC. 7. Powers and Functions of the Board.** – The Board of Directors as the  
25 policy making body shall have the following powers and functions:

26  
27 (a) Formulate policies, rules and regulations necessary in the operations of the  
28 Authority and, in consultation with the sector, promulgate policies, rules and regulations  
29 necessary for the sector: *Provided, however*, That such policies, rules and regulations  
30 are consistent with the provisions of RA 9520.

31  
32 (b) Set the strategic directions and plans of the Authority.

33  
34 (c) Formulate the organizational structure and staffing pattern of the Authority  
35 based on the provisions of this Act and consistent with Civil Service Code and  
36 Department of Budget and Management Rules and Regulations.

1 (d) Establish a human resource management committee that shall govern the  
2 selection, hiring, appointment, transfer, promotion, or dismissal of all personnel of the  
3 Authority consistent with the Civil Service Code and Philippine labor policies. Such  
4 system shall establish professionalism and excellence at all levels of the Authority in  
5 accordance with sound principles and management;

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7 (e) Adopt and submit to the appropriate government agency, through the Office  
8 of the President, the Authority's proposed annual budget for inclusion to the General  
9 Appropriations Act (GAA).

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11 (f) See to it that cases or disputes filed with or referred to the Authority are acted  
12 upon without undue delay; and

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14 (g) Perform such other functions as may be required by law.

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16 The members of the Board of Directors shall be provided with reasonable  
17 honoraria, representation and travel expenses in the discharge of their duties.

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19 **SEC. 8. Qualifications of Members of the Board.** – No person shall be  
20 appointed Chair or member of the Board of Directors unless he/she possesses the  
21 following qualifications:

22  
23 (a) A natural-born Filipino citizen of legal age;

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25 (b) Must not be more than 60 years old at the time of the appointment and must  
26 be in good health;

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28 (c) Must have a Bachelor's Degree in cooperatives, economics, finance,  
29 agriculture, fisheries, veterinary medicine, business, social science, law, management,  
30 or in similar fields of study and five (5) years of experience as an official or officer of a  
31 cooperative, government agency, or non-government organization engaged in  
32 cooperative development;

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34 (d) Must be a member of the cooperative sector he/she represents for at least  
35 two (2) years; and

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37 (e) Must be endorsed by a reputable federation and/or union of cooperatives  
38 operating in good standing under the provisions of this Act and RA 9520.



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2 Any person appointed as Chairperson or regular member of the Board of  
3 Directors shall divest himself of any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in or dealings  
4 with cooperatives upon his/her appointment and if an officer of the cooperative prior to  
5 appointment as Chairperson or regular member of the Board shall relinquish his/her  
6 post in the cooperative.

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8 **SEC. 9. Removal of the Board of Directors.** – The President may remove any  
9 member of the Board for any of the following reasons:

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11 (a) If the member is subsequently disqualified under the provisions of this Act  
12 and appropriate provisions of RA 9520;

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14 (b) If he/she is physically or mentally incapacitated that he/she cannot properly  
15 discharge the duties and responsibilities of her/his position and such incapacity has  
16 lasted for more than six (6) months; and

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18 (c) If the member is guilty of acts or omissions which are fraudulent or illegal in  
19 character or which are manifestly opposed to the aims, objectives and interests of the  
20 Authority.

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22 **SEC. 10. Meetings of the Board.** – The Board of Directors shall meet at least  
23 once a month for the transaction of its regular business. Special meetings may be  
24 called by the Chairperson or majority of the members to consider specific matters. A  
25 majority vote by the entire Board shall be required for a decision. All meetings of the  
26 Board may be held at the office in Metro Manila or at any other place as may be  
27 determined by the Board.

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29 **SEC 11. Cooperative Adjudication Board.** – Regional Cooperative Adjudication  
30 Boards (RCAB) are hereby created under the supervision of the Board of Directors. It  
31 shall establish 2 RCABs for Luzon; 1 for Visayas; and 2 for Mindanao. The RCAB shall  
32 be composed of a Chairman and two (2) members all of whom are members of the  
33 Integrated Bar of the Philippines with at least 3 years law practice.

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35 Notwithstanding Article 137 of RA 9520, the RCAB shall have jurisdiction over all  
36 cooperative cases falling under their respective territorial jurisdictions only upon receipt  
37 of a Certificate of Non-Resolution issued by the Mediation and Conciliation Committee  
38 of the cooperative concerned and/or Certificate of Non-Resolution issued by the

1 Federation and/or Union to which the cooperative belongs.

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3 **SEC. 12. Functions of the Regional Cooperative Adjudication Board.** – In aid  
4 of their adjudicative functions, the RCAB may exercise any or all of the following:

5  
6 (a) Order the conduct of an operational and financial audit of the cooperative  
7 involved in a pending case;

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9 (b) Evaluate and award damages, including attorney's fees;

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11 (c) Require the attendance of witnesses, and/or production of pertinent  
12 cooperative records and/or documents through the issuance of subpoenas;

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14 (d) Enlist the aid and support of and/or deputize any law enforcement officer in  
15 the implementation and enforcement of decisions, orders or resolutions; and

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17 (e) Punish any person, officers and/or members of a cooperative for acts  
18 constituting direct or indirect contempt.

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20 Decisions, orders and resolutions of the RCAB shall be appealable to the Board  
21 of Directors, sitting en banc, within fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt thereof. The  
22 decisions, orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors, sitting en banc, shall be  
23 appealable to the Office of the President within fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt  
24 thereof. The Office of the President shall decide on the appeal within forty five (45)  
25 calendar days from receipt thereof otherwise the appeal shall be considered denied.  
26 The appellant may then bring the case to the proper court.

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28 **SEC. 13. The Secretariat.** – The Board shall appoint its secretary and such  
29 other personnel necessary to enable it to perform its duties and functions.

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31 **SEC. 14. The Chairperson.** – The President shall appoint the Chairperson of the  
32 Board with a fixed term of six (6) years without reappointment. The Chairperson of the  
33 Board shall have the rank and privileges of a department undersecretary.

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35 **SEC. 15. Powers and Functions of the Chair.** – The Chairperson of the  
36 Authority shall have the following powers and functions:

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38 (a) Preside over the meetings of the Board of Directors;

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2 (b) Report to the President of the Philippines the performance and  
3 accomplishment reports of the Authority on a periodic basis;

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5 (c) Represent the Authority in all undertakings where its presence is required;  
6 and

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8 (d) Perform such other functions as may be required by law.  
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10 **SEC. 16. *The Executive Director.*** – The Board of Directors shall submit to the  
11 President its list of at least three (3) recommendees for appointment to the position of  
12 Executive Director of the Authority based on the following qualifications:  
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14 (a) A natural-born Filipino citizen of legal age;

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16 (b) Must have a Masteral Degree in cooperatives, economics, finance,  
17 management, public management, agriculture, and fisheries, or a degree in veterinary  
18 medicine, law or relevant fields of study;

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20 (c) Must have five (5) years of experience as an official or officer of a  
21 cooperative, government agency dealing with cooperatives, or non-government  
22 organization engaged in cooperative development or, in the absence of a master's  
23 degree, must at least have a bachelor's degree in the above-stated fields and with at  
24 least ten (10) years of experience in cooperatives either as an officer of a cooperative  
25 or a government agency or non-government organization engaged in cooperative  
26 development;

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28 Any person appointed as Executive Director shall divest himself of any direct or  
29 indirect pecuniary interest in or dealings with cooperatives upon his appointment.  
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31 **SEC. 17. *Powers and Functions of the Executive Director.*** – The Executive  
32 Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Authority and shall have the following  
33 powers and functions:  
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35 (a) Supervise, direct and coordinate the over-all operations of the Authority;

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37 (b) Prepare and submit periodic reports and other special reports of the Authority  
38 as may be required from time to time by the President or Congress;

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2 (c) Implement and/or execute the policies, directives, programs and projects  
3 formulated and adopted by the Board of Directors;

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5 (d) Delegate authority for the performance of any function to offices and  
6 employees under his direction;

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8 (e) Appoint and discipline personnel of the Authority subject to the confirmation  
9 by the Board of Directors;

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11 (f) Prepare the agenda for deliberation by the Board of Directors;

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13 (g) Submit the proposed annual and supplemental budgets of the Authority for  
14 the consideration and approval of the Board of Directors.

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16 **SEC. 18. Deputy Executive Director.** – There shall be a Deputy Executive  
17 Director who shall assist the Executive Director in the performance of his/her functions  
18 and shall act as the Deputy Executive Officer. The Executive Director shall recommend  
19 for appointment by the Board of Directors the Deputy Executive Director who shall be a  
20 career service officer.

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22 In the absence of the Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Director shall act  
23 as the Executive Director of the Authority and shall exercise the powers and duties  
24 appurtenant thereto.

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26 **SEC. 19. Collection and Payment of Fees.** – Primary cooperatives that are  
27 subject to the direct supervision and examination of the Authority, within the first thirty  
28 (30) days of each year, shall pay an annual fee in an amount equal to some  
29 percentage, as may be prescribed by the Board, of its average net worth during the  
30 preceding year as shown on its end-of-month balance sheets: *Provided, however,* That  
31 for primary cooperatives under the delegated supervision and examination of  
32 accredited federations and unions, such fees shall be directly paid to the federation or  
33 union concerned under the guidelines, rules and regulations to be established by the  
34 Authority. Such fees may be deducted from the CETF remitted by the primary  
35 cooperative to the accredited federation or union.

1           **SEC. 20. Cooperatives in the Education System.** – The history, philosophy,  
2 values, principles and practices of cooperatives and their important role in the national  
3 economy shall be disseminated both in formal and non-formal education.  
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5           The cooperative education and training program of government agencies, local  
6 government units and non-governmental organizations duly registered under Philippine  
7 laws shall be subject to accreditation standards set by the Authority upon consultation  
8 with the cooperative sector.  
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10           State colleges and universities as well as local universities and colleges shall be  
11 allowed to offer formal and non-formal courses in cooperatives and shall provide  
12 guidance and technical assistance to cooperatives in the communities wherein they  
13 operate. They shall also include a 3-unit subject in cooperatives in the curricula of  
14 business, accountancy, social sciences, agriculture and other courses which can be  
15 instrumental in the development of cooperatives. Private colleges and universities shall  
16 be encouraged to offer cooperatives as a 3-unit subject or as a formal degree course.  
17 Special incentives shall be formulated and defined by the Authority for students taking  
18 up degree courses on cooperatives.  
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20           Technology and vocational schools, both public and private, shall also be  
21 encouraged to offer a course on cooperatives in relevant disciplines.  
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23           The Department of Education (DepEd) shall include cooperatives as a major  
24 topic in relevant subjects in high school and elementary school education specifically in  
25 practical arts and/or *makabayan*, in consultation with advocacy cooperatives or the  
26 cooperative sector in general.  
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28           **SEC. 21. Cooperatives in the Banking System.** – The development of  
29 cooperative banks as part of the Philippine banking system shall be a major concern of  
30 the Authority. Pursuant to Chapter 12 of RA 9520, the Authority shall undertake the  
31 necessary program towards this end in collaboration with the *Bangko Sentral ng*  
32 *Pilipinas* and the cooperative sector concerned.  
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34           **SEC. 22. Prohibition.** – No organization shall be allowed to use the title  
35 "cooperative" in its name unless it follows all generally accepted cooperative principles,  
36 applicable cooperative laws, and is duly registered under RA 9520 and this Act. The  
37 Authority shall be properly guided by the provisions of RA 9520 under Chapter 19,  
38 Articles 139 and 140.

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2       **SEC. 23. Information Campaign.** – Upon the effectivity of this Act and  
3 promulgation of its Implementing Rules and Regulations, the Authority is mandated to  
4 conduct an intensive information campaign on the provisions of this Act, for six (6)  
5 months.

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7       **SEC. 24. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the implementation of  
8 this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the CDA. However,  
9 to carry out the additional functions and powers of the CDA as provided in this Act shall  
10 be drawn from the Contingent Fund of the President. Thereafter, such sums as maybe  
11 necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General  
12 Appropriations Act (GAA).

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14       **SEC. 25. Transitory Provisions.** – (a) All cooperatives registered under RA  
15 9520, prior to the effectivity of this Act, shall be deemed registered with the Authority.

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17       (b) Electric cooperatives who have failed to register with the Authority under RA  
18 9520 shall not be entitled to the benefits and privileges provided to cooperatives.

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20       (c) Upon the effectivity of this Act, the personnel of the restructured Cooperative  
21 Development Authority shall, unless removed for cause and after due process, continue  
22 to perform their duties and responsibilities and shall receive their corresponding  
23 salaries and benefits.

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25       **SEC. 26. Repealing Clause.** – All acts, presidential decrees, specifically  
26 Section 17 of Presidential Decree 269, as amended, general orders, executive orders  
27 specifically Executive Order No. 332, Series of 2004, letters of implementation, letters of  
28 instruction, regulations or circulars, or parts thereof, inconsistent with any of the  
29 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly. In case of doubt, the  
30 same shall be resolved in favor of the cooperatives

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32       **SEC. 27. Separability Clause.** – If for any cause, any part of this Act is declared  
33 unconstitutional, the rest of the provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

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35       **SEC. 28. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The Authority, through its  
36 Board of Directors in consultation with the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on  
37 Cooperatives, shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations for the effective  
38 implementation of the Act. Such rules and regulations shall take effect upon its

1 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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3 **SEC. 29. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
4 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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6 Approved.