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S. No. 438

Introduced by Senator S. R. Osmeña III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The position of social welfare and development officer is one of the most important positions in the local government as he deals directly with the constituents of the local government unit. The social welfare and development officer is in charge of recommending programs and solutions that will alleviate the living conditions of the needy and other marginalized sectors of the society,

The social welfare and development officer is the front liner in the poverty alleviation programs of the government. Yet despite the crucial role he plays, his position is optional for the municipal government.

This proposes to professionalize the delivery of basic services by requiring that only licensed social workers shall be appointed to the position of social welfare and development officer. The bill likewise makes the position mandatory for the municipality and not optional.

Early passage of this bill is therefore earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 483 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991", AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 483 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise
2 known as the "Local Government Code of 1991" is hereby amended, to read as
3 follows:

4 "SEC. 483. *Qualifications, Powers and Duties.* -- (a) No
5 person shall be appointed social welfare and development officer
6 unless he is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the local
7 government unit concerned, of good moral character and duly
8 licensed social worker [or a holder of a college degree preferably in
9 sociology or any other related course from a recognized college or
10 university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent].
11 He must have acquired experience in the practice of social work for
12 at least five (5) years in the case of the provincial or city social
13 welfare and development officer, and three (3) years in the case of
14 the municipal social welfare and development officer.

1 “The appointment of a social welfare and development
2 officer is mandatory for the provincial, [and] city **AND MUNICIPAL**
3 governments [optional for municipal government].”

4 SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen days following its complete
5 publication in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

 Approved,