



S E N A T E

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(In substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1327, 1360 and 1510
taking into consideration House Bill No. 5925)

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AN ACT MAKING THE POSITION OF A
COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
MANDATORY IN THE MUNICIPAL, CITY AND
PROVINCIAL LEVELS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
OF 1991", AS AMENDED

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 443, Book III, Title Two, Chapter
2 2 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:

1 “SEC. 443. *Officials of the Municipal*
2 *Government.* – (a) There shall be in each
3 municipality a municipal mayor, a municipal
4 vice-mayor, sangguniang bayan members, a
5 secretary to the sangguniang bayan, a
6 municipal treasurer, a municipal assessor, a
7 municipal accountant, a municipal budget
8 officer, a municipal planning and development
9 coordinator, a municipal engineer/building
10 official, a municipal health officer, and a
11 municipal civil registrar[?]. A MUNICIPAL
12 COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
13 (CDO) SHALL ALSO BE APPOINTED:
14 *PROVIDED*, THAT THE MUNICIPALITY
15 HAS THE OPTION TO APPOINT A FULL
16 FLEDGED CDO OR MERGE SUCH
17 POSITION TO AN EXISTING POSITION OR
18 OFFICIAL IN A RELATED OFFICE, UNIT OR
19 DEPARTMENT IN THE MUNICIPAL
20 GOVERNMENT: *PROVIDED*, *FURTHER*,

1 THAT IF THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL
2 APPOINT A FULL FLEDGED CDO, THE
3 MUNICIPALITY HAS THE OPTION TO SET
4 THE RANK, REMUNERATION AND OTHER
5 EMOLUMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL CDO
6 SUBJECT TO EXISTING LAWS, RULES,
7 AND REGULATIONS.

8 “(b) x x x

9 “(c) x x x

10 “(d) x x x

11 “(e) x x x.”

12 SEC. 2. Section 454, Book III, Title Three, Chapter 2
13 of Republic Act No. 7160, is hereby amended to read as
14 follows:

15 “SEC. 454. *Officials of the City Government.*

16 – (a) There shall be in each city a mayor, a
17 vice-mayor, sangguniang panlungsod members,
18 a secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod, a
19 city treasurer, a city assessor, a city
20 accountant, a city budget officer, a city

1 planning and development coordinator, a city
2 engineer, a city health officer, a city civil
3 registrar, a city administrator, a city legal
4 officer, a city veterinarian, a city social welfare
5 and development officer, and a city general
6 services officer[5]. A CITY CDO SHALL ALSO
7 BE APPOINTED: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE
8 CITY HAS THE OPTION TO APPOINT A
9 FULL FLEDGED CDO OR MERGE SUCH
10 POSITION TO AN EXISTING POSITION OR
11 OFFICIAL IN A RELATED OFFICE, UNIT
12 OR DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY
13 GOVERNMENT: *PROVIDED, FURTHER*,
14 THAT IF THE CITY SHALL APPOINT A
15 FULL FLEDGED CDO, THE CITY HAS
16 THE OPTION TO SET THE RANK,
17 REMUNERATION AND OTHER
18 EMOLUMENTS OF THE CITY CDO
19 SUBJECT TO EXISTING LAWS, RULES,
20 AND REGULATIONS;

1 “(b) In addition thereto, the city mayor
 2 may appoint a city architect, a city information
 3 officer, a city agriculturist, a city population
 4 officer, AND a city environment and natural
 5 resources officer [~~and a city cooperatives~~
 6 ~~officer~~].

7 “x x x

8 “(c) x x x

9 “(d) x x x

10 “(e) x x x.”

11 SEC. 3. Section 463, Book III, Title Four, Chapter 2
 12 of Republic Act No. 7160, is hereby amended to read as
 13 follows:

14 “SEC. 463. *Officials of the Provincial*
 15 *Government.* – (a) There shall be in each
 16 province a governor, a vice-governor, members
 17 of the sangguniang panlalawigan, a secretary
 18 to the sangguniang panlalawigan, a provincial
 19 treasurer, a provincial assessor, a provincial
 20 accountant, a provincial engineer, a provincial

1 budget officer, a provincial planning and
2 development coordinator, a provincial legal
3 officer, a provincial administrator, a provincial
4 health officer, a provincial social welfare and
5 development officer, a provincial general
6 services officer, a provincial agriculturist, and a
7 provincial veterinarian[5]. A PROVINCIAL
8 CDO SHALL ALSO BE APPOINTED:
9 *PROVIDED*, THAT THE PROVINCE HAS
10 THE OPTION TO APPOINT A FULL
11 FLEDGED CDO OR MERGE SUCH
12 POSITION TO AN EXISTING POSITION OR
13 OFFICIAL IN A RELATED OFFICE, UNIT
14 OR DEPARTMENT IN THE PROVINCIAL
15 GOVERNMENT: *PROVIDED*, *FURTHER*,
16 THAT IF THE PROVINCE SHALL APPOINT
17 A FULL FLEDGED CDO, THE PROVINCE
18 HAS THE OPTION TO SET THE RANK,
19 REMUNERATION AND OTHER
20 EMOLUMENTS OF THE PROVINCIAL CDO

1 SUBJECT TO EXISTING LAWS, RULES,
2 AND REGULATIONS.

3 “(b) In addition thereto, the governor may
4 appoint a provincial population officer, a
5 provincial natural resources and environment
6 officer, [~~a provincial cooperative officer,~~] a
7 provincial architect, and a provincial
8 information officer.

9 “ x x x

10 “(c) x x x

11 “(d) x x x

12 “(e) x x x.”

13 SEC. 4. Section 487, of Book III, Title Five, Article
14 Seventeen of Republic Act No. 7160, is hereby amended
15 and shall now read as follows:

16 ARTICLE XVII

17 The Cooperatives DEVELOPMENT Officer

18 “SEC. 487. *Qualifications, Powers and*
19 *Duties.* – (a) No person shall be appointed
20 cooperatives DEVELOPMENT officer unless

1 one is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of
2 the local government unit concerned, of good
3 moral character, a holder of a college degree
4 preferably in COOPERATIVES, business
5 administration with special training in
6 cooperatives or any related course from a
7 recognized college or university, and a first
8 grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He
9 must have experience in cooperatives
10 organizations and management OR OTHER
11 COMPARABLE EXPERIENCE of at least five
12 (5) years in the case of provincial or city
13 cooperatives DEVELOPMENT officer, and
14 three (3) years in the case of municipal
15 cooperatives DEVELOPMENT officer.

16 “The appointment of the cooperatives
17 DEVELOPMENT officer is [~~optional~~]
18 MANDATORY for the municipal, city and
19 provincial governments AS SPECIFIED

1 UNDER SECTIONS 443, 454 AND 463 OF
2 THIS CODE.

3 “(b) The cooperatives DEVELOPMENT
4 officer shall take charge of the office for the
5 development of cooperatives and shall:

6 “(1) Formulate measures for the
7 consideration of the sanggunian, and provide
8 technical assistance and support to the
9 governor or mayor, as the case may be, in
10 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of
11 basic services and provision of facilities through
12 the ORGANIZING, PROMOTION AND
13 development of cooperatives, and in providing
14 access to such services and facilities;

15 “(2) Develop plans and strategies IN
16 CONSULTATION WITH THE COOPERATIVE
17 SECTOR and, upon approval thereof by the
18 governor or mayor, as the case may be,
19 implement the same, particularly those which
20 have to do with the integration of cooperatives

1 VALUES, principles and ~~[methods]~~
2 PRACTICES in programs and projects which
3 the governor or mayor is empowered to
4 implement and which the sanggunian is
5 empowered to provide for under this Code;

6 “(3) In addition to the foregoing duties
7 and functions, the cooperatives
8 DEVELOPMENT officer shall:

9 “(i) ~~[Assist in the organization of~~
10 ~~cooperatives]~~ TAKE THE LEAD IN
11 IDENTIFYING GROUPS, SECTORS OR
12 COMMUNITIES THAT CAN BE ORGANIZED
13 INTO COOPERATIVES WITH THE
14 OBJECTIVE THAT THE COOPERATIVES TO
15 BE ORGANIZED SHALL BE VEHICLES IN
16 POVERTY REDUCTION, JOB CREATION,
17 AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
18 OF THE MUNICIPALITY, CITY OR
19 PROVINCE;

1 “(ii) IN COLLABORATION WITH
2 THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT
3 AUTHORITY (CDA), PROVIDE ASSISTANCE
4 TO PROSPECTIVE COOPERATIVES IN THE
5 CONDUCT OF THE REQUIRED PRE-
6 REGISTRATION SEMINAR AND/OR PRE-
7 MEMBERSHIP EDUCATION SEMINAR AND
8 IN THE PREPARATION OF REQUIRED
9 DOCUMENTS FOR REGISTRATION;

10 ~~“(i)~~ (iii) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
11 CDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND
12 INDUSTRY, OTHER GOVERNMENT
13 AGENCIES, COOPERATIVE UNIONS AND
14 FEDERATIONS, THE ACADEME, AND
15 OTHER PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS
16 [P]provide technical and other forms of
17 assistance to ~~[existing]~~ DULY REGISTERED
18 cooperatives to enhance their viability as an
19 economic enterprise and social organization
20 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,

1 TRAINING AND EDUCATION, BUSINESS
2 MANAGEMENT, FINANCE AND FINANCIAL
3 MANAGEMENT;

4 ~~“(iii)~~ (iv) Assist cooperatives in
5 establishing linkages with government
6 agencies, COOPERATIVE UNIONS AND
7 FEDERATIONS, THE ACADEME and non-
8 government organizations involved in the
9 promotion and integration of the concept of
10 cooperatives in the livelihood of the people and
11 other community activities;

12 ~~“(4) [Be in the frontline of cooperatives~~
13 ~~organization, rehabilitation or viability-~~
14 ~~enhancement, particularly during and in the~~
15 ~~aftermath of]~~ ASSIST COOPERATIVES
16 IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND
17 IMPLEMENTATION OF RISK
18 MANAGEMENT PLANS AND BUSINESS
19 CONTINUITY PLANS AND MANAGEMENT
20 AS A RESPONSE TO ANTICIPATED OR

1 UNEXPECTED man-made and natural
2 calamities and disasters, to aid in their
3 survival and, if necessary subsequent
4 rehabilitation;

5 “(5) xxx

6 “(c) xxx.”

7 SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees,
8 executive orders, rules and regulations, issuances or parts
9 thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or
10 amended accordingly.

11 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen
12 (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a
13 newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,