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Senate Bill No.

AN ACT
CREATING THE POSITION OF THE MUNICIPAL
GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER IN MUNICIPAL
GOVERNMENTS, AMENDING SECTION 443 (a) AND
SECTION 490 (a) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

EXPLANATORY NOTE

When the Local Government Code was crafted years ago, the governance system was far different from what it is today. The growing needs of the people now call for a more dynamic kind of governance.

Under the Local Government Code , the appointment of a General Services Officer (GSO) is mandatory for the provincial and

The General Services Officer

Section 490. Qualifications, Powers and Duties. -(a) No person shall be appointed general services officer unless he is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the local government unit concerned, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree on public administration, business administration and management from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in general services, including management of supply, property, solid waste disposal, and general sanitation, of at least five (5) years in the case of the provincial or city general services officer, and at least three (3) years in the case of the municipal general services officer.

The appointment of a general services officer is mandatory for the provincial and city governments.

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city governments. However, the law is silent with respect to its appointment in the municipal government.

A General Service Officer is one of the most important lifelines of the local government. If we go by the core functions of the GSO, we can see that a local government cannot function effectively and efficiently without the support of a general service officer. A GSO provides diverse range of routine general services such as: (a) supply and procurement works, (b) building and ground maintenance, (c) inventory of government property and vehicles and (d) other duties and functions as may be prescribed by the Local Government Code.

A municipal general services officer could help accelerate the services needed because he or she could disentangle the congestions in the bureaucracy by ensuring that the logistical and administrative support systems are in place for all other departments especially at the municipal level.

The undersigned believes that the time has come for a General Service Officer to be considered as part of the organizational structure of the local government at the municipal level. In this way, there will be a reinvigorated delivery of general services and a more attuned policy direction for all local government units.

For these reasons, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III



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

SECTION 1. Book III, Title Two, Chapter 2, Section 433 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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> Sec. 443. Officials of the Municipal Government. – (a) There shall be in each municipality a municipal mayor, a municipal vice-mayor, sangguniang bayan members, a secretary to the sangguniang bayan, a municipal treasurer, a municipal assessor, a municipal accountant, a municipal budget officer, a municipal planning and development municipal engineer/building official, coordinator, a municipal health officer, [and] a municipal civil registrar

AND A MUNICIPAL GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER.

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SEC. 2. Book III, Title Five, Article 20, Section 490 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Section 490. Qualifications, Powers and Duties. - (a) No person shall be appointed general services officer unless he is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the local government unit concerned, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree on public administration, business administration and management from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in general services, including management of supply, property, solid waste disposal, and general sanitation, of at least five (5) years in the case of the provincial or city general services officer, and at least three (3) years in the case of the municipal general services officer.

The appointment of a general services officer is mandatory for the provincial, [and] city, AND MUNICIPAL governments.

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SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of the Interior and Local Government shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. Separability Clause. - Should any provision of this Act or part hereof be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions and parts hereof, insofar as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,