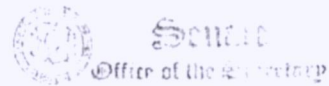


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AN ACT
AMENDING BOOK 3, TITLE 5, ARTICLE 13, SECTION 483 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED


EXPLANATORY NOTE

The position of provincial, city or municipal social welfare and development officer (SWDO) is a crucial one. Said Officer provides technical assistance and support to either the governor or the mayor in carrying out various measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and provisions of adequate facilities relative to social welfare and development services as provided for in the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended.

As head of the office on social welfare and development services, the SWDO develops and implements, upon approval by the governor or mayor, plans and strategies pertaining to the LGUs social welfare programs and projects. The officer also identifies the basic needs of the needy, the disadvantaged and the impoverished and develops and implements appropriate measures to alleviate their problems. The SWDO likewise provides relief and appropriate crisis intervention for victims of abuse and exploitation by being in the frontline of service delivery, particularly those which have to do with immediate relief and assistance during the aftermath of natural man-made disasters and calamities.

Thus, there is an urgent need to professionalize the delivery of various basic social services by making the qualifications of these local social welfare and development officers equivalent and comparable with their counterparts in the national government. Setting certain parameters as to who would qualify as social welfare and development officers and making mandatory their appointment in local governments are steps in the right direction.

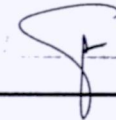
The immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 Section 1. Section 483, Article 13, Title 5, Book 3, of Republic Act No. 7160,
2 otherwise known as The Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, is hereby
3 further amended to read as follows:

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

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

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5 Sec. 2. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared
6 unconstitutional or the application thereof to any person, circumstance or transaction
7 is held invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions of this Act or the applicability
8 of such provisions to other persons, circumstances or transactions shall not be affected
9 thereby.

10 Sec. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – The provisions of all other laws, decrees, orders,
11 rules or regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed
12 accordingly.

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14 Sec. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication
15 in the Official Gazette and in two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

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18 Approved,