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**AN ACT
MAKING THE POSITION OF A COOPERATIVES 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"**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution provides for the promotion of growth and viability of cooperatives as instruments of equity, social justice and economic development under the principles of subsidiarity and self-help.

Cooperatives play a very vital role in our country's economy, especially in far-flung areas where the delivery of basic services of the government do not reach the marginalized. This mechanism of the sector that tackles and addresses social issues such as poverty, unemployment, etc. to the grassroots level makes it a valuable ally of the government in nation-building. Given the significance of the sector in economic development, it is but essential to amend RA 7160 to provide for the mandatory appointment of a cooperatives officer in every local government unit in the country.

This measure seeks to amend the Local Government Code to make mandatory the position of Cooperatives Officer in all provinces, cities, and municipalities. And by doing so, the affairs and activities of cooperatives in every province, city, and municipality will be in sync and harmonized with the development plans of the national government.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

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

3 "SECTION 443. *Officials of the Municipal Government.* - (a) There shall be
4 in each municipality a municipal mayor, a municipal vice-mayor, sangguniang
5 bayan members, a secretary to the sangguniang bayan, a municipal treasurer, a
6 municipal assessor, a municipal accountant, a municipal budget officer, a municipal
7 planning and development coordinator, a municipal engineer/building official, a
8 municipal health officer, a municipal civil registrar, **AND A MUNICIPAL**
9 **COOPERATIVES OFFICER.**

10 (b) x x x
11 (c) x x x
12 (d) x x x
13 (e) x x x."

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

16 "SECTION 454. *Officials of the City Government.* - (a) There shall be in
17 each city a mayor, a vice-mayor, sangguniang panlungsod members, a secretary
18 to the sangguniang panlungsod, a city treasurer, a city assessor, a city accountant,
19 a city budget officer, a city planning and development coordinator, a city engineer,
20 a city health officer, a city civil registrar, a city administrator, a city legal officer, a
21 city veterinarian, a city social welfare and development officer, **[and]** a city
22 general services officer, **AND A CITY COOPERATIVES OFFICER.**

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

4 x x x

5 (c) x x x

6 (d) x x x

7 (e) x x x."

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

10 **"Section 463. Officials of the Provincial Government.** - (a) There shall be
11 in each province a governor, a vice-governor, members of the sangguniang
12 panlalawigan, a secretary to the sangguniang panlalawigan, a provincial treasurer,
13 a provincial assessor, a provincial accountant, a provincial engineer, a provincial
14 budget officer, a provincial planning and development coordinator, a provincial
15 legal officer, a provincial administrator, a provincial health officer, a provincial
16 social welfare and development officer, a provincial general services officer, a
17 provincial agriculturist, **[and]** a provincial veterinarian, **AND A PROVINCIAL**
18 **COOPERATIVES OFFICER.**

19 (b) In addition thereto, the governor may appoint a provincial population
20 officer, a provincial natural resources and environment officer, **[a provincial**
21 **cooperative officer]** [,] a provincial architect, and a provincial information
22 officer.

23 x x x

24 (c) x x x

25 (d) x x x

26 (e) x x x. "

27 **SEC. 4.** Section 487, of Book III, Title Five, Article Seventeen of RA 7160, is
28 hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

29 "Article Fourteen. - The Cooperatives Officer

30 SECTION 487. Qualifications, Powers and Duties. - (a) No person shall be
31 appointed cooperatives officer unless one is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the
32 local government unit concerned, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree
33 preferably in business administration with special training in cooperatives or any related
34 course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or
35 its equivalent. He must have experience in cooperatives organizations and management
36 of at least five (5) years in the case of provincial or city cooperatives officer, and three
37 (3) years in the case of municipal cooperatives officer.

38 The appointment of the cooperatives officer is **[optional] MANDATORY** for the
39 municipal, city and provincial governments.

1 (b) The cooperatives officer shall take charge of the office for the development
2 of cooperatives **REGISTERED WITH THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT**
3 **AUTHORITY**, and shall:

4 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sanggunian, and provide
5 technical assistance and support to the governor or mayor, as the case may be, in
6 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and provision of facilities
7 through the development of cooperatives, and in providing access to such services and
8 facilities;

9 (2) Develop plans and strategies **IN CONSULTATION WITH THE**
10 **COOPERATIVE SECTOR** and, upon approval thereof by the governor or mayor, as the
11 case may be, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
12 integration of cooperatives principles and methods in programs and projects which the
13 governor or mayor is empowered to implement and which the sanggunian is empowered
14 to provide for under this Code;

15 (3) x x x

16 (i) xxx

17 (ii) xxx

18 (iii) xxx

19 (4) xxx

20 (5) xxx

21 (c) xxx."

22 **SEC. 5.** Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
23 regulations, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or
24 amended accordingly.

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

Approved,