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**AN ACT  
MAKING THE POSITION OF A COOPERATIVE 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**

Cooperatives are constitutionally recognized as instruments and legally acknowledged as practical vehicles for promoting self-reliance, and harnessing people power towards attainment of social justice and economic development under the principle of subsidiarity.

As stated in the Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008, it is the policy of the State that "Government and all its branches, subdivisions, instrumentalities, and agencies shall ensure the provision of technical guidance, financial assistance and other services to enable said cooperatives to develop into viable and responsive economic enterprises and thereby bring about a strong cooperative movement".

The local government, under existing laws, is mandated to deliver basic services to the public, including the support to the development of cooperatives in their respective areas.

In January 2019, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) signed Joint Memorandum Circular 2019-01 for the purposes of cooperative promotion, organization, regulation, and development in local government units.

Local government units, under the said Memorandum Circular, are expected

to: (1.) formulate Local Cooperative Development Plan; (2.) provide technical guidance, financial assistance and other services to develop cooperatives into a viable and responsive economic enterprises; (3.) promote the organization of the cooperative and support their development; (4.) provide training for the development of cooperatives; (5.) initiate and implement a localized program for the cooperatives; and (6.) assist the cooperatives in the preparation of registration documents and mandatory reports.

Given these powers and functions delegated to the local governments, there is a need to amend Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 to provide for the mandatory appointment of a cooperatives officer in every local government unit in the country.

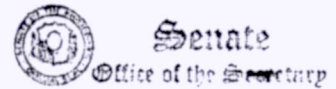
As such, this bill seeks to make the position of cooperatives officer as mandatory in all municipalities, cities and provinces to ensure that local governments would be able to effectively respond to the need of the cooperatives as partners for sustainable local economic development.

In view of the foregoing, early 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 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  
4 be in each municipality a municipal mayor, a municipal vice-mayor,  
5 sangguniang bayan members, a secretary to the sangguniang bayan, a  
6 municipal treasurer, a municipal assessor, a municipal accountant, a municipal  
7 budget officer, a municipal planning and development coordinator, a  
8 municipal engineer/ building official, a municipal health officer, a municipal  
9 civil registrar, AND A MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVES OFFICER.

10       (b) xxx

11       (c) xxx

12       (d) xxx

13       (e) xxx"

14       **Sec. 2.** Section 454, Book III, Title Three, Chapter 2 of Republic Act No. 71, 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  
18 secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod, a city treasurer, a city assessor, a  
19 city accountant, a city budget officer, a city planning and development  
20 coordinator, a city engineer, a city health officer, a city civil registrar, a city

1 administrator, a city legal officer, a city veterinarian, a city social welfare and  
2 development officer, [and] a city general services officer, AND A CITY  
3 CODPERATIVES OFFICER.

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

8 xxx

9 (c) xxx

10 (d) xxx

11 (e) xxx"

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

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

23 (b) In addition thereto, the governor may appoint a provincial  
24 population officer, a provincial natural resources and environment officer, [a  
25 provincial cooperative officer] [,] a provincial architect, and a provincial  
26 information officer.

27 xxx

28 (c) xxx

29 (d) xxx

30 (e) xxx"

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

33 "Article Fourteen. - The Cooperatives Officer

34 Section 487. Qualifications, Powers and Duties. - (a) No person shall be  
35 appointed cooperatives officer unless one is a citizen of the Philippines, a  
36 resident of the local government unit concerned, of good moral character, a

1 holder of a college degree preferably in business administration with special  
2 training in cooperatives or any related course from a recognized college or  
3 university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must  
4 have experience in cooperatives organizations and management of at least  
5 five (5) years in the case of provincial or city cooperatives officer, and three  
6 (3) years in the case of municipal cooperatives officer.

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

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

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

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

23 (3) xxx

24 (i) xxx

25 (ii) xxx

26 (iii) xxx

27 (4) xxx

28 (5) xxx

29 (c) xxx."

30 **Sec. 6.** Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and  
31 regulations, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed  
32 or amended accordingly.

33 **Sec. 7.** Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
34 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,