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**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 Constitution recognizes the power of cooperatives as instruments for social justice and economic development.

In 1990, Congress enacted Republic Act No. 6938 which ordained a Cooperative Code of the Philippines. The law was amended by Republic Act No. 9520 to be known as the Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008. It required all government branches and subdivisions to provide technical guidance, financial assistance and other necessary services to empower cooperatives into becoming viable economic enterprises and responsive social organizations.

Cooperative Development Authority reported that there are 18,065 cooperatives operating across the country in 2018. Data from reporting cooperatives state that the sector has a 10.7 million membership base with Php 429.7 billion combined assets.

This bill seeks to create a mandatory position of a cooperatives officer in every municipality, city and province. This will establish a vital linkage between the local

government units and the cooperative sector, and ensure steady collaboration and effective partnership between the two at the grassroots level. Moreover, the network will act as an additional support mechanism towards the continued enhancement, growth and prosperity of cooperatives, especially in the rural areas.

A similar measure was already approved on Third and Final Reading by the House of Representatives during the Second Regular Session of the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress, but its counterpart measure stalled before the Senate Committee on Local Government.

In this light, the immediate passage of this bill is highly recommended.

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

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

3                       "Sec. 443. *Officials of the Municipal Government.* – (a)

4           There shall be in each municipality a municipal mayor, a  
5           municipal vice-mayor, sangguniang bayan members, a  
6           secretary to the sangguniang bayan, a municipal treasurer, a  
7           municipal assessor, a municipal accountant, a municipal  
8           budget officer, a municipal planning and development  
9           coordinator, a municipal engineer/building official, a municipal  
10          health officer, [and] a municipal civil registrar, **AND A**  
11          **MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVES OFFICER.**

12                       "(b) x x x

13                       "(c) x x x

14                       "(d) x x x

15                       "(e) x x x."

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

3 "Sec. 454. *Officials of the City Government.* – (a) There  
4 shall be in each city a mayor, a vice-mayor, sangguniang  
5 panlungsod members, a secretary to the sangguniang  
6 panlungsod, a city treasurer, a city assessor, a city accountant,  
7 a city budget officer, a city planning and development  
8 coordinator, a city engineer, a city health officer, a city civil  
9 registrar, a city administrator, a city legal officer, a city  
10 veterinarian, a city social welfare and development officer,  
11 ~~[and]~~ a city general services officer, **AND A CITY**  
12 **COOPERATIVES OFFICER.**

13 "(b) In addition thereto, the city mayor may appoint a  
14 city architect, a city information officer, a city agriculturist, a  
15 city population officer, a city environment and natural  
16 resources officer ~~[, and a city cooperatives officer.]~~

17 "x x x

18 "(c) x x x

19 "(d) x x x

20 "(e) x x x "

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

23 "Sec. 463. *Officials of the Provincial Government.* – (a)  
24 There shall be in each province a governor, a vice-governor,  
25 members of the sangguniang panlalawigan, a secretary to the  
26 sangguniang panlalawigan, a provincial treasurer, a provincial  
27 assessor, a provincial accountant, a provincial engineer, a  
28 provincial budget officer, a provincial planning and  
29 development coordinator, a provincial legal officer, a  
30 provincial administrator, a provincial health officer, a  
31 provincial social welfare and development officer, a provincial  
32 general services officer, a provincial agriculturist, ~~[and]~~ a

1 provincial veterinarian, **AND A PROVINCIAL**  
2 **COOPERATIVES OFFICER.**

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

7 "x x x

8 "(c) x x x

9 "(d) x x x

10 "(e) x x x "

11 Sec. 4. Section 487, Book III, Title Five, Article XVII of Republic Act No. 7160 is  
12 hereby amended to read as follows:

13 "Article XVII – The Cooperatives Officer

14 "Sec. 487. *Qualifications, Powers and Duties.* – (a) No  
15 person shall be appointed cooperatives officer unless [he]  
16 **ONE** is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the local  
17 government unit concerned, of good moral character, a holder  
18 of a college degree preferably in business administration with  
19 special training in cooperatives or any related course from a  
20 recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service  
21 eligible or its equivalent. He must have experience in  
22 cooperatives organization and management for at least five  
23 (5) years in the case of provincial or city cooperatives officer,  
24 and three (3) years in the case of municipal cooperatives  
25 officer.

26 "The [~~appointment~~] **POSITION** of the cooperatives  
27 officer is [~~optional~~] **MANDATORY** for the **MUNICIPAL,**  
28 provincial and city governments.

29 "(b) The cooperatives officer shall take charge of the  
30 office for the development of cooperatives **REGISTERED**  
31 **WITH THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,**  
32 and shall:

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

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

“(3) x x x

“(i) x x x

“(ii) x x x

“(iii) x x x

“(4) x x x

“(5) x x x

“(c) x x x ”

*Sec. 5. Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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

*Approved,*