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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The role of cooperatives in nation-building has long been recognized. Thus, Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code, allows for the appointment of cooperatives officers to take charge of the office for the development of cooperatives, among others. However, the appointment of such cooperatives officers has been left optional on the part of the local government units (LGUs) resulting in LGUs with cooperatives officers who serve other functions or much worse LGUs with no cooperatives officers, further resulting in the marginalization of the role of cooperatives in our society and limiting the contribution of cooperatives to nation-building.

Therefore, the passage of this bill seeking the amendment of Republic Act 7160 by making mandatory the appointment of cooperatives officers by LGUs is hereby earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY APPOINTMENT OF
COOPERATIVES OFFICERS IN EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT
AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES**

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

SECTION 1. Section 487 Article 17 Title V Book 3 of Republic Act 7160 Otherwise
known as the Local Government Code shall be amended as follows:

Article Seventeen. – The Cooperatives Officer

SEC. 487. Qualifications, Powers and Duties. – (a) No person shall be
appointed cooperatives 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 preferably in business administration with
special training in cooperatives or any related course from a recognized
college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its
equivalent. He/She must have experience in cooperatives organization and
management for at least five (5) years in the case of the provincial or city
cooperatives officer, and three (3) years in the case of the municipal
cooperatives officer. The appointment of the cooperatives officer shall be
mandatory for provincial, city and municipal governments.

(b) x x x

SECTION 2. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
publication in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.