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HOUSE BILL NO. 281



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Anthony M. Bravo**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Cooperatives play an important role in global and national economic and social development. Cooperatives promote the "fullest participation of all people" and facilitate a more equitable distribution of the benefits of globalization. To answer the clamor, Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code, allows for the appointment of cooperative officers to take charge of the office for the development of cooperatives, among others. However, the words of the law were vague and the implementation became optional on the part of the local government units (LGUs) resulting in either LGUs with cooperative officers who serve other functions or no cooperatives officers at all. In the long run, the cooperative sector will be left to suffer by this inverse proportional line towards success.

Regardless of the type, size, geographical location or purpose, cooperatives provide a unique tool for achieving one or more economic goal in an increasingly competitive global economy. The national and local counterpart should not be left to decay. It is for this reason that the mandatory 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, Power 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 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.

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

Approved.