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Introduced by **MAGDALO Party-List Representative**  
**HON. GARY C. ALEJANO**

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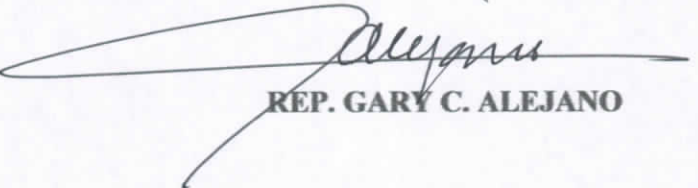
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill proposes the mandatory creation of the position of the municipal General Services Officer.

While Book Three, Article Twenty, Section 490 of the Local Government Code provides for the qualifications, powers and duties of the General Services Officer and while Book Three, Article Two, differentiates and details the qualifications, powers and duties of the Treasurer, the former position only applies to the levels of the provincial and city governments. On the municipal level, the creation of the position of general services officer was not made mandatory by Republic Act No. 7160. This has spawned several problems with respect to the appointment and the carrying out of the duties and responsibilities of the said officer in the municipal level. To this end, this proposal addresses the problem by virtue of the following:

1. The creation of the position will guarantee the uniformity of general services management of the local government units in the provincial, city, and municipal levels;
2. The fast delivery of services requiring general services expertise and technical support services will be ensured;
3. It will provide an improved system of procurement, care, utilization, custody and disposal of supplies or properties of the local government unit;
4. It will eradicate or minimize corrupt practices due to check and balance between the office and that of the office of the treasurer;
5. It will ensure internal control policy by delineating the role of treasurer as "paymaster" and the general services officer as the "purchaser;" and
6. It will avoid the duplication of function between the offices.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

  
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AN ACT

MANDATING THE CREATION OF THE POSITION OF THE MUNICIPAL GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BOOK III, TITLE TWO, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 443 (a) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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

**SECTION 1.** Book III. Title Two, Chapter 2, Section 443 (a) of R.A. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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**Sec. 443. Officials of the Municipal Government.**—(a) There shall be in each municipality a municipal mayor, a municipal vice mayor, sangguniang bayan members, a secretary to the sangguniang bayan, a municipal treasurer, a municipal planning and development coordinator, a municipal engineer/building official, a municipal health officer, a municipal civil registrar **AND A MUNICIPAL GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER.**

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**SEC. 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations.**—The Department of Interior and Local Government shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SEC. 3. Repealing Clause.**—All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and all other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 4. Effectivity.**—This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval.

*Approved,*