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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the state to promote the growth and viability of cooperatives as instruments of equity, social justice and economic development under the principles of subsidiarity and self-help.

This is in recognition of the vital role cooperatives play in development, particularly in formalizing work in informal economies. Cooperatives, together with micro, small and medium enterprises, have shown their capacity for job generation in local communities. Cooperatives allow for small entrepreneurs to grow and thrive by giving them platform to launch their businesses. They provide financial security and open opportunities for their member's growth and development.

Considering the roles of cooperatives in spurring the nation's economy, this proposed measure seeks to institutionalize the mandatory appointment of cooperatives officers for every local government unit. This will ensure that the needs of the cooperatives sector are properly accommodated by local government units.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
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

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

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

"SECTION 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 assessor, a municipal accountant, a municipal budget officer, a municipal planning and development coordinator, a municipal engineer/building official, a municipal health officer, a municipal civil registrar, **AND A MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVES OFFICER.**

- (b) xxx
- (c) xxx
- (d) xxx
- (e) xxx."

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

"SECTION 454. Officials of the City Government. - (a) There shall be in each city a mayor, a vice-mayor, sangguniang panlungsod members, a secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod, a city treasurer, a city assessor, a city accountant, a city budget officer, a city planning and development coordinator, a city engineer, a city health officer, a city civil registrar, a city administrator, a city legal officer, a city

veterinarian, a city social welfare and development officer, [and] a city general services officer, **AND A CITY COOPERATIVES OFFICER.**

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

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- (c) xxx
- (d) xxx
- (e) xxx."

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

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

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

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- (e) x x x

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

"Article Fourteen. - The Cooperatives Officer

SECTION 487. Qualifications, Powers and Duties. - (a) No person shall be appointed cooperatives officer unless one 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 must have experience in cooperatives organizations and management of at least five (5) years in the case

of provincial or city cooperatives officer, and three (3) years in the case of municipal cooperatives officer.

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

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

(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) xxx

(ii) xxx

(iii) xxx

(4) xxx

(5) xxx

(c) xxx

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, issuances 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 a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,