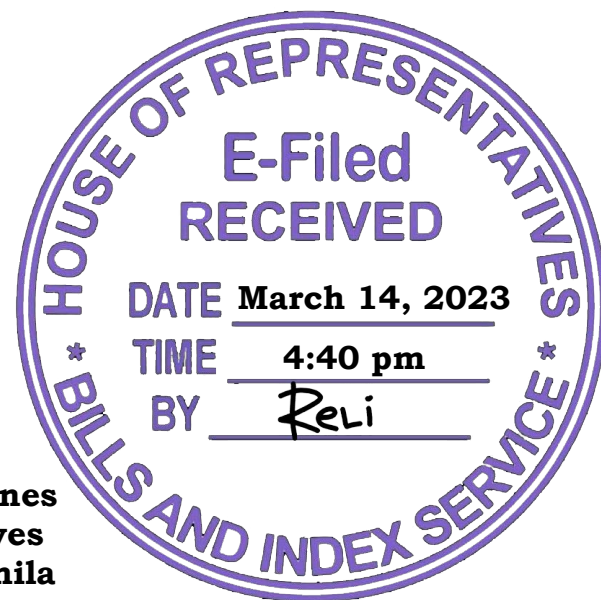




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HOUSE BILL NO. 7592



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure creates the position of the Economic and Investment Promotion Officer in Local Government Units, thereby amending the Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991. The salient features of this bill include:

- The creation of the position of the Economic and Investment Promotion Officer in the Municipal, City, and Provincial Governments. The position shall be specified with other specifically designated positions in local government units under the Local Government Code.
- The qualifications, powers, and duties of the Economic and Investment Promotion Officer. No person shall be appointed economic and investment promotion officer unless the person is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the province, city, or municipality where such person will be appointed, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree, preferably in economics, business administration or business management, or any related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. The appointed officer shall be responsible for the process of formulation and implementation of local economic and investment promotion policies, projects, and activities of the local government unit.

Hence, the passage of this measure is sought.



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**AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE POSITION OF ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT
PROMOTION OFFICER IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”**

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 443 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

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4 “SEC. 443. Officials of the Municipal Government. – (a) There shall be in
5 each municipality a municipal mayor, a municipal vice mayor,
6 sangguniang bayan members, a secretary to the sangguniang bayan, a
7 municipal treasurer, a municipal assessor, a municipal accountant, a
8 municipal budget officer, a municipal planning and development
9 coordinator, a municipal engineer/building official, a municipal health
10 officer [and], a municipal civil registrar AND A MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC
11 AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICER.

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13 (b)
14 (c)
15 (d)
16 (e) xxx.”

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18 SEC. 2. Section 454 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

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20 “SEC. 454. Officials of the City Government. – (a) There shall be in each
21 city a mayor, a vice mayor, sangguniang panlungsod members, a secretary
22 to the sangguniang panlungsod, a city treasurer, a city assessor, a city
23 accountant, a city engineer, a city health officer, a city civil registrar, a city
24 administrator, a city legal officer, a city veterinarian, a city social welfare

1 and development officer, [and] a city general services officer AND A CITY
2 ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICER.

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4 (b)
5 (c)
6 (d)
7 (e) xxx.”
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9 SEC. 3. Section 463 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

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11 “SEC. 463. Officials of the Provincial Government. – (a) There shall be in
12 each province a governor, a vice governor, members of the sangguniang
13 panlalawigan, a secretary to the sangguniang panlalawigan, a provincial
14 treasurer, a provincial assessor, a provincial accountant, a provincial
15 engineer, a provincial budget officer, a provincial planning and
16 development coordinator, a provincial legal officer, a provincial
17 administrator, a provincial health officer, a provincial social welfare and
18 development officer, a provincial general services officer, a provincial
19 agriculturist, [and] a provincial veterinarian AND A PROVINCIAL
20 ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICER.

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22 (b)
23 (c)
24 (d)
25 (e) xxx.”
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27 SEC. 4. A new section to be denominated as Section 490-A under the new Article
28 Twenty-One of Book III, Title Five, of the same Act is hereby inserted to read as
29 follows:

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31 “ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE. – THE ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT
32 PROMOTION OFFICER

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34 SEC. 490-A. QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES. – (A) NO PERSON
35 SHALL BE APPOINTED ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION
36 OFFICER UNLESS THE PERSON IS A CITIZEN OF THE PHILIPPINES, A
37 RESIDENT OF THE PROVINCE, CITY OR MUNICIPALITY WHERE SUCH
38 PERSON WILL BE APPOINTED, OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, A
39 HOLDER OF A COLLEGE DEGREE PREFERABLY IN ECONOMICS,
40 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, OR ANY
41 RELATED COURSE FROM A RECOGNIZED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY,
42 AND A FIRST GRADE CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBLE OR ITS EQUIVALENT.
43 THE ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICER MUST HAVE
44 ACQUIRED EXPERIENCE IN ECONOMIC OR INVESTMENT POLICY
45 MAKING OR MANAGEMENT OR RELATED FIELD FOR AT LEAST FIVE (5)
46 YEARS IN THE CASE OF THE PROVINCIAL AND CITY ECONOMIC AND
47 INVESTMENT OFFICER, AND THREE (3) YEARS IN THE CASE OF THE
48 MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT OFFICER.

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50 THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION
51 OFFICER IS MANDATORY FOR THE PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL
52 GOVERNMENTS.
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1 B. THE ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICER SHALL
2 TAKE CHARGE OF THE ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION
3 OFFICE AND SHALL:

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- 5 1. FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT THE LOCAL INVESTMENT AND
6 INCENTIVES CODE;
 - 7 2. FACILITATE THE PREPARATION, COORDINATION AND EXECUTION
8 OF LOCAL ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION POLICIES,
9 PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT;
 - 10 3. FACILITATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SYSTEMATIC, COORDINATED
11 AND SUSTAINED PROMOTION AND MARKETING OF THE LOCAL
12 GOVERNMENT UNIT AS AN INVESTMENT LOCATION;
 - 13 4. PROVIDE BASIC INFORMATION ON THE BUSINESS POTENTIALS OF
14 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT TO PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS TO
15 ATTRACT MORE INVESTMENTS TO FLOW IN THE COMMUNITY;
 - 16 5. ADVISE THE SANGGUNIAN, THE GOVERNOR OR MAYOR AND
17 OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON THE GENERATION OF
18 INVESTMENTS AND ON SUCH OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE TO
19 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;
 - 20 6. ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND UPDATE A LOCAL ECONOMIC
21 DATABASE CONTAINING RELEVANT FACTS AND FIGURES;
 - 22 7. COORDINATE WITH THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
23 OFFICES IN THE PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES;
 - 24 8. COORDINATE WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN CARRYING OUT
25 INVESTMENT PROMOTION CAMPAIGNS;
 - 26 9. CONDUCT INFORMATION DISSEMINATION ON LOCAL AND
27 NATIONAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON INVESTMENTS; AND
 - 28 10. EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER
29 DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY LAW OR
30 ORDINANCE.
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32 SEC. 5. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of
33 Interior and Local Government, in coordination with the Presidents of the League
34 of Provinces, League of Cities and League of Municipalities and the Secretary of
35 Budget and Management, shall promulgate the rules and regulations
36 implementing the provisions of this Act. The implementing rules and regulations
37 issued pursuant to this section shall take effect thirty (30) days after its
38 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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40 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
41 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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43 Approved,