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HOUSE BILL NO. 8757



Introduced by **HON. LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure seeks to address the gap in our existing Local Government Code, which mandates the appointment of a General Services Officer (GSO) for the provincial and city governments but is silent with respect to its appointment in the municipal government.

A GSO functions as one of the most important lifelines of the local government. A GSO provides diverse range of routine general services such as: (a) supply and procurement works, (b) building and ground maintenance, (c) inventory of government property and vehicles and (d) other duties and functions as may be prescribed by the Local Government Code.

A municipal GSO can help accelerate the delivery of services by disentangling the congestions in the bureaucracy. By ensuring the logistical and administrative support systems, the delivery of general services can be more attuned with the policy direction of the concerned LGU.

For these reasons, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING THE POSITION OF THE MUNICIPAL GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER
IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, AMENDING SECTION 443 (a) AND SECTION
490 (a) OF 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:

SECTION 1. Book III, Title Two, Chapter 2, Section 433 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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 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 GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER.

Sec. 2. Book III, Title Five, Article 20, Section 490 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 490. Qualifications, Powers and Duties. - (a) No person shall be appointed general services 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 on public administration, business administration and management from a recognized college or university, and a first-grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in general services, including management of supply, property, solid waste disposal, and general sanitation, of at least five (5) years in the case of the provincial or city general services officer, and at least three (3) years in the case of the municipal general services officer.

The appointment of a general services officer is mandatory for the provincial, city, AND MUNICIPAL governments.

Sec. 2. *Implementing Rules and regulations.* – The Department of the Interior and Local Government shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

Sec. 3. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act or any part thereof be declared unconstitutional and invalid, the other parts or provisions of this Act not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules or regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,