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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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3 In the operations local government units, we see that the General Service Officer is crucial and
4 indispensable. Section 490 of the Local Government Code provides for the qualifications,
5 powers and duties of the General Services Officer. The Local Government Code further
6 mandates the creation of such office for all cities and provinces.

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8 However, the same code omits the creation of a mandatory office of the General Service
9 Officer for municipalities. This omission gives several predicaments with respect to the
10 operation of the municipalities especially as to the duties and responsibilities given to the
11 GSO.

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13 This Bill seeks to address the problem in endowing the uniformity of general services
14 management of the local government units in the provincial, city and municipal levels. It also
15 intends to hasten the delivery of services requiring general services expertise and technical
16 support services. It also seeks to provide an improved system of procurement, care,
17 utilization, custody and disposal of supplies or properties of the local government unit. It
18 envisions further to minimize corrupt practices due to the check and balance between the
19 office and that of the treasurer, and ensure internal control policy by delineating the role of
20 treasurer as "paymaster" and general services officer as the "purchaser." This is set to avoid
21 the duplication of functions between the two offices.

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AN ACT MANDATORILY CREATING 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

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

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4 **Section 1.** Book III, Title Two, Chapter 2, Section 443 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby
5 amended to read as follows:

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8 Sec. 443. Official of the Municipal Government. – (a) There shall be in each municipality a
9 municipal mayor, a municipal vice mayor, sangguniang bayan members, a secretary to the
10 sangguniang baying, a municipal treasurer, a municipal assessor, a municipal accountant, a
11 municipal budget officer, a municipal planning and development coordinator, a municipal
12 engineer/ building official, a municipal health officer, a municipal civil registrar **AND A**
13 **MUNICIPAL GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER.**

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16 **Section 2.** The Department of Interior and Local Government shall issue necessary rules and
17 regulations for the implementation of this Act.

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19 **Section 3.** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations contrary to this Act is hereby
20 repealed or modified accordingly.

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22 **Section 4.** This Act shall take effect upon approval.

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24 **Approved,**