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HOUSE BILL NO. 4805



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JENNIFER A. LAGBAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowered local government units (LGUs) as frontliners of service delivery, governance, and development. Over three decades since its enactment, the Code has fostered greater local autonomy and responsiveness. However, its full potential remains constrained by uneven institutional capacity among LGUs, particularly in the absence of specialized plantilla positions that are crucial to professionalizing governance and delivering essential services.

At present, the creation of positions such as the Human Resource Management Officer, Business Permit and Licensing Officer, Environment and Natural Resources Officer, Tourism Officer, and Economic Development and Investment Promotions Officer is not mandatory under the Local Government Code. This has led to gaps in human resource management, business regulation, environmental protection, tourism promotion, and local economic development, areas that directly affect the ability of LGUs to attract investments, create jobs, safeguard the environment, and improve the well-being of their constituents.

Several measures have already been filed in Congress to institutionalize these offices separately, reflecting the recognition that such positions are indispensable to local governance. This bill seeks to harmonize those efforts by amending the Local Government Code of 1991 to make the establishment of these plantilla positions mandatory across all provinces, cities, and municipalities.

The objectives of this bill are threefold:

1. Professionalization of Local Governance - ensuring that LGUs have qualified and permanent officers to handle human resources, environmental management, business regulation, tourism, and economic planning;
2. Streamlining and Modernization of Services - by institutionalizing officers who will facilitate efficient business registration, promote tourism, and attract investments in line with national development priorities; and
3. Strengthening LGU Capacity - by equipping LGUs with technical expertise and leadership that are crucial in addressing local challenges and maximizing development opportunities.

By institutionalizing these plantilla positions, this bill ensures uniformity, stability, and accountability in LGU operations nationwide. It provides LGUs with the institutional backbone to meet the evolving demands of local governance and to align more effectively with national policies and programs.

In view of the above, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING MANDATORY PLANTILLA POSITIONS FOR CORE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, 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:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to strengthen local autonomy and governance through the professionalization of core LGU functions. To this end, the State shall ensure that every province, city, and municipality has the necessary plantilla officers dedicated to human resource management, business permit and licensing, environment and natural resources, tourism development, and economic and investment promotion.

SEC. 2. Section 443(a) of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“(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 and a municipal civil registrar, **A MUNICIPAL HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICER AND MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS OFFICER FOR FIRST TO THIRD CLASS**

MUNICIPALITIES, A MUNICIPAL BUSINESS PERMIT AND LICENSING OFFICER, A MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER, AND A MUNICIPAL TOURISM OFFICER.

x x x.”

SEC. 3. Section 443 (b) of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“ x x x

(b) In addition thereto, the mayor may appoint a municipal administrator, a municipal legal officer, a municipal agriculturist, [a municipal environment and natural resources officer,] a municipal social welfare and development officer, a municipal architect, and a municipal information officer, **AND, FOR FOURTH TO FIFTH CLASS MUNICIPALITIES, A MUNICIPAL HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICER AND MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS OFFICER.**

x x x.”

SEC. 4. Section 454 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“(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, **A CITY HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICER, A CITY BUSINESS PERMIT AND LICENSING OFFICER, A CITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER, A CITY TOURISM OFFICER, AND A CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS OFFICER.**

x x x.”

SEC. 5. Section 454 (b) of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“x x x

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

x x x.”

SEC. 6. Section 463 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“(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, **A PROVINCIAL HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICER, A PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER, A PROVINCIAL TOURISM OFFICER, AND A PROVINCIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS OFFICER.**

x x x.”

SEC. 7. Section 484 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“(a) No person shall be appointed environment and natural resources 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 preferably in environment, forestry, agriculture or any related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in environmental and natural resources management, conservation, and utilization, of at least five (5) years in the case of the provincial

or city environment and natural resources officer, and three (3) years in the case of the municipal environment and natural resources officer.

The appointment of the environment and natural resources officer [is optional] **SHALL BE MANDATORY** for provincial, city, and municipal governments.

x x x.”

SEC. 8. A new section to be denominated as Section 490-A, Article XXI is hereby inserted between Title V and Title VI after Section 490, Article XX, of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXI
THE HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICER

SEC. 490-A. APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES. -

(A) NO PERSON SHALL BE APPOINTED AS HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICER UNLESS SUCH PERSON IS A CITIZEN OF THE PHILIPPINES, A RESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY, CITY, OR PROVINCE, AS THE CASE MAY BE, OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, A HOLDER OF A COLLEGE DEGREE PREFERABLY IN PSYCHOLOGY, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, OR LAW FROM A RECOGNIZED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, A FIRST-GRADE CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBLE OR ITS EQUIVALENT, AND MUST HAVE ACQUIRED EXPERIENCE IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR AT LEAST FIVE (5) YEARS IN THE CASE OF THE PROVINCIAL OR CITY HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICER, AND THREE (3) YEARS IN THE CASE OF THE MUNICIPAL HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICER, IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF APPOINTMENT.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS WITH EXISTING HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICERS PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS LAW WILL BE GIVEN THREE (3) YEARS TO COMPLY WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED REQUIREMENTS.

THE APPOINTMENT OF A HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICER SHALL BE MANDATORY FOR PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS: *PROVIDED*, HOWEVER, THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICE SHALL BE OPTIONAL IN FOURTH TO FIFTH CLASS MUNICIPALITIES.

(B) THE HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICER SHALL REPORT ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT PROCESSES, WHICH INCLUDE RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION OF PERSONNEL, CAREER DEVELOPMENT, PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT, WELFARE, REWARDS AND INCENTIVES FOR SERVICE EXCELLENCE, RULES AND REGULATIONS ON APPOINTMENTS AND LEAVE BENEFITS.

(C) THE HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICER SHALL TAKE CHARGE OF THE HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICE, AND SHALL:

- 1. FORMULATE FOR APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNOR OR MAYOR, AS THE CASE MAY BE, A HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT WILL ENHANCE PERSONAL MANAGEMENT PROCESSES IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONCERNED WITH EMPHASIS IN AREAS OF RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION, CAREER DEVELOPMENT, PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT, WELFARE, REWARDS, AND INCENTIVES FOR SERVICE EXCELLENCE;**
- 2. CREATE AND MAINTAIN A CENTRAL RECORD OF PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTS SUCH AS APPOINTMENTS, PERSONNEL DATA SHEETS, SERVICE RECORDS, STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, LEAVE CREDITS, AND OTHER PERSONNEL RECORDS;**
- 3. CONDUCT CONTINUING HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND OTHER CAPACITY BUILDING INTERVENTIONS TO ENHANCE THE COMPETENCY OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES;**
- 4. MONITOR AND EVALUATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS;**
- 5. ADVISE THE GOVERNOR OR MAYOR, AS THE CASE MAY BE, AND THE CONCERNED SANGGUNIAN ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON APPOINTMENTS AND LEAVE BENEFITS OF EMPLOYEES;**
- 6. ENSURE THAT CIVIL SERVICE LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS ON PERSONNEL MATTERS ARE PROPERLY EXECUTED;**

- 7. ESTABLISH LINKAGES OR PARTNERSHIPS WITH HUMAN RESOURCE ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS; AND**
- 8. PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS, AND EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE.**

SEC. 9. A new section to be denominated as Section 490-B, Article XXII is hereby inserted between Title V and Title VI after Section 490, Article XX, of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XXII
THE BUSINESS PERMIT AND LICENSING OFFICER**

SEC. 490-B. QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES. - (A) NO PERSON SHALL BE APPOINTED BUSINESS PERMIT AND LICENSING OFFICER UNLESS SUCH PERSON IS A CITIZEN OF THE PHILIPPINES, A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY, AS THE CASE MAY BE, OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, A HOLDER OF A COLLEGE DEGREE PREFERABLY IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OR OTHER RELATED COURSE OBTAINED FROM A RECOGNIZED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, A FIRST GRADE CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBLE OR ITS EQUIVALENT, AND MUST HAVE ACQUIRED EXPERIENCE FOR AT LEAST FIVE (5) YEARS IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF APPOINTMENT.

THE APPOINTMENT OF A BUSINESS PERMIT AND LICENSING OFFICER SHALL BE MANDATORY FOR CITY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS.

(B) THE APPOINTMENT OF A BUSINESS PERMIT AND LICENSING OFFICER SHALL TAKE CHARGE OF THE BUSINESS PERMIT AND LICENSING OFFICE, AND SHALL:

- 1. PROCESS AND ACT ON ALL APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS AND MAYOR'S PERMITS REQUIRED UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, ORDINANCE, RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND LICENSES AS WELL AS OCCUPATIONAL PERMITS, INCLUDING THE ASSESSMENT OF BUSINESS TAXES, FEES, AND CHARGES OF THE VARIOUS BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ALL ASSESSMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE**

AUTHORITY OF THE LOCAL TREASURER TO CONDUCT EXAMINATION OF BOOKS OF ACCOUNTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES AS PROVIDED IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED;

- 2. MONITOR AND ENFORCE THE APPLICABLE TAX ORDINANCES AND OTHER PERTINENT LAWS, ORDINANCES, RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE OPERATIONS OF BUSINESSES AND OCCUPATIONS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY;**
- 3. FORMULATE POLICIES AS A PROACTIVE MEASURE TO DRAW LOCAL AND FOREIGN INVESTMENTS ESPECIALLY IN PRIORITY AREAS/INDUSTRIES AS A TOOL TO DEFINE THE DEVELOPMENT THRUST OF THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY;**
- 4. INITIATE, REVIEW, AND RECOMMEND TO THE MAYOR REVENUEGENERATING MEASURES TO INCREASE LOCAL REVENUES;**
- 5. ENFORCE THE TAX ORDINANCES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR CITY, AND OTHER PERTINENT LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS;**
- 6. CONDUCT TAX MAPPING AND REGULAR INSPECTION OF ALL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS EXISTING AND OPERATING WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY;**
- 7. ISSUE AND IMPLEMENT NECESSARY NOTICES AND ORDERS TO CONCERNED ESTABLISHMENTS;**
- 8. SIT AS A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL FINANCE COMMITTEE, LOCAL INVESTMENT BOARD AND SUCH OTHER BODIES AS THE MAYOR SHALL IDENTIFY; AND**
- 9. PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS, AND EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE.**

SEC. 10. A new section to be denominated as Section 490-C, Article XXIII is hereby inserted between Title V and Title VI after Section 490, Article XX, of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XXIII
THE TOURISM OFFICER**

SEC. 490-C. QUALITIFICATIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES. - (A) NO PERSON SHALL BE APPOINTED TOURISM OFFICER UNLESS HE IS A CITIZEN OF

THE PHILIPPINES, A RESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY, CITY, OR PROVINCE, AS THE CASE MAY BE, OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND IRREPROACHABLE REPUTATION, OF KNOWN INTEGRITY AND COMPETENCE, AND HAS NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY ELECTION OFFENSE OR OF ANY CRIME PUNISHABLE BY MORE THAN SIX (6) MONTHS OF IMPRISONMENT, OR HAS NO PENDING INFORMATION FOR ANY OFFENSE, A HOLDER OF A COLLEGE DEGREE IN TOURISM, BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, MARKETING, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OR OTHER RELATED FIELDS FROM A RECOGNIZED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, AND A FIRST GRADE CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBLE OR ITS EQUIVALENT. HE/SHE MUST HAVE AT LEAST GIVE (5) YEARS OF SUBSTANTIAL WORK EXPERIENCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY EITHER IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR OR GOVERNMENT.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS WITH EXISTING TOURISM OFFICERS PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS LAW WILL BE GIVEN THREE (3) YEARS TO COMPLY WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED REQUIREMENTS.

THE APPOINTMENT OF A TOURISM OFFICER SHALL BE MANDATORY FOR PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS.

(B) THE TOURISM OFFICER SHALL TAKE CHARGE OF THE OFFICE FOR TOURISM AND SHALL PRACTICE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. PREPARE, IMPLEMENT, COORDINATE, MONITOR, AND UPDATE LOCAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLANS;**
- 2. ENSURE THE PROPER ENFORCEMENT OF TOURISM STANDARDS, LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS;**
- 3. PROVIDE REGULAR REPORTS ON STATUS OF TOURISM PLANS AND PROGRAMS, TOURIST ARRIVALS, EMPLOYMENT, OCCUPANCY RATES, INVESTMENT AND TOURIST PRODUCTS, AMONG OTHERS, TO THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM (DOT);**
- 4. COORDINATE WITH THE DOT AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES, AS WELL AS CORPORATIONS AND PRIVATE ENTITIES, IN REGARD TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN THE LOCALITY; AND**

5. **ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL AGENCIES AND PRIVATE ENTITIES IN PROMOTING THE TOURISM OF THEIR CONCERNED CITIES AND PROVINCES NATIONWIDE AND GLOBALLY; AND**
6. **EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE.**

SEC. 11. A new section to be denominated as Section 490-D, Article XXIV is hereby inserted between Title V and Title VI after Section 490, Article XX, of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XXIV
THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS
OFFICER**

SEC. 490-D. QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES. (A) NO PERSON SHALL BE APPOINTED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS OFFICER UNLESS THE PERSON IS A CITIZEN OF THE PHILIPPINES, A RESIDENT OF THE PROVINCE, CITY, OR MUNICIPALITY, AS THE CASE MAY BE, OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, A HOLDER OF A COLLEGE DEGREE PREFERABLY IN ECONOMICS, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, LAW, OR ANY RELATED COURSE FROM A RECOGNIZED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, AND A FIRST GRADE CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBLE OR ITS EQUIVALENT. THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS OFFICER MUST HAVE ACQUIRED EXPERIENCE IN ECONOMIC OR INVESTMENT POLICY MAKING OR MANAGEMENT OR RELATED FIELD FOR AT LEAST FIVE (5) YEARS IN THE CASE OF THE PROVINCIAL AND CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS OFFICER, AND THREE (3) YEARS IN THE CASE OF THE MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT OFFICER.

THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS OFFICER SHALL BE MANDATORY FOR PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS: *PROVIDED*, HOWEVER, THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS OFFICE SHALL BE OPTIONAL IN FOURTH TO FIFTH CLASS MUNICIPALITIES.

(B) THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS OFFICER SHALL TAKE CHARGE OF THE ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS OFFICE AND SHALL:

- 1. FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT THE LOCAL INVESTMENT AND INCENTIVES CODE;**
- 2. FACILITATE THE PREPARATION, COORDINATION AND EXECUTION OF LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION POLICIES, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT;**
- 3. FACILITATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SYSTEMATIC, COORDINATED, AND SUSTAINED PROMOTION AND MARKETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT AS AN INVESTMENT LOCATION;**
- 4. PROVIDE BASIC INFORMATION ON THE BUSINESS POTENTIALS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT TO PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS TO ATTRACT MORE INVESTMENTS TO FLOW IN THE COMMUNITY;**
- 5. ADVISE THE SANGGUNIAN, THE GOVERNOR OR MAYOR AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON THE GENERATION OF INVESTMENTS AND ON SUCH OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;**
- 6. PROVIDE DATABASE OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES, TENURIAL SECURITY, AND INCENTIVE PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP, UTILIZE AND MANAGE SPECIFIC PORTIONS OF BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN THE LOCALITY;**
- 7. COORDINATE WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN CARRYING OUT INVESTMENT PROMOTION CAMPAIGNS;**
- 8. CONDUCT INFORMATION DISSEMINATION ON LOCAL AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON INVESTMENTS; AND**
- 9. EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE.**

SEC. 12. The appropriations for the permanent positions herein created, including other related budget for their respective offices, shall be included in the annual budget of the local government unit concerned of the year following the approval of this Act, and thereafter.

SEC. 13. Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Interior and Local Government, in coordination with the Presidents of the League of Provinces, League of

Cities and League of Municipalities and the Secretary of Budget and Management, shall promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 14. All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

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

Approved,