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HOUSE BILL NO. 8942



Introduced by **HON. YEVGENY VINCENTE B. EMANO**

AN ACT PROMOTING BARANGAY-LEVEL MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVES, MANDATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT, ESTABLISHING BARANGAY COOPERATIVE DESKS, AND PROVIDING SIMPLIFIED REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9520, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE COOPERATIVE CODE OF 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTE

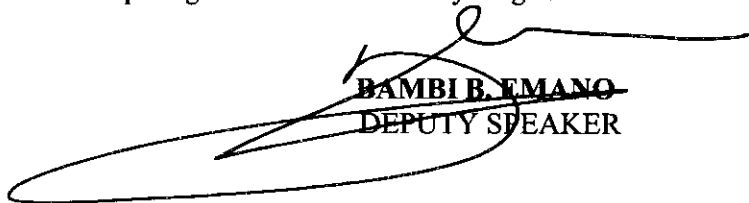
The Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008 (Republic Act No. 9520) recognizes cooperatives as vital instruments of social justice, equity, and economic development. Despite this recognition, many barangays—particularly in rural and geographically isolated areas—remain without functional cooperative organizations due to lack of technical assistance, limited awareness, and procedural barriers in registration and organization.

Local government units, especially at the barangay level, are strategically positioned to facilitate cooperative formation, yet there is no clear statutory mandate institutionalizing barangay-based support mechanisms for cooperative development.

This bill seeks to strengthen grassroots economic participation by promoting the establishment of barangay-level multipurpose cooperatives through LGU assistance, the creation of Barangay Cooperative Desks, and the provision of simplified registration and organizational support in coordination with the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA).

By empowering communities to organize cooperatives at the most basic unit of governance, this measure enhances local economic resilience, promotes inclusive growth, and operationalizes the cooperative development mandate under existing law.

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


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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the “Barangay-Level Cooperative Development Act.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to:

- a) Promote cooperatives as instruments of inclusive and sustainable development;
- b) Encourage grassroots participation in cooperative formation at the barangay level;
- c) Strengthen the role of local government units in cooperative development; and
- d) Remove administrative and technical barriers to cooperative organization and registration.

SECTION 3. *Barangay-Level Multipurpose Cooperatives.* -

Barangay-level multipurpose cooperatives may be organized by residents of a barangay in accordance with Republic Act No. 9520, primarily to address local livelihood, credit, consumer, agricultural, fisheries, and service needs.

Such cooperatives shall enjoy the rights, privileges, and obligations provided under existing cooperative laws.

SECTION 4. *Establishment of Barangay Cooperative Desks.* -

Every barangay is hereby encouraged to establish a Barangay Cooperative Desk, which shall serve as the primary contact point for cooperative development initiatives.

The Barangay Cooperative Desk shall:

- a) Provide basic information on cooperative formation and membership;
- b) Assist prospective members in coordinating with the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA);
- c) Facilitate documentation and compliance requirements; and
- d) Coordinate with the municipal or city cooperative office, where available.

SECTION 5. *Local Government Support.* -

Provincial, city, and municipal governments shall support barangay-level cooperative development through:

- a) Technical assistance and training programs in coordination with the CDA;
- b) Allocation of reasonable resources from local development funds, subject to existing budgetary rules;
- c) Inclusion of cooperative development in local development and investment plans; and
- d) Designation of local cooperative officers or focal persons.

SECTION 6. *Simplified Registration and Assistance.* -

The Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), in coordination with LGUs, shall:

- a) Develop simplified, barangay-friendly guidelines for cooperative registration;
- b) Provide mobile or satellite registration services in barangays, where feasible;
- c) Accept barangay certifications as supporting documents for registration, subject to CDA rules; and
- d) Prioritize the registration of barangay-level multipurpose cooperatives.

SECTION 7. *Capacity-Building and Sustainability Measures.* -

Barangay-level cooperatives shall be entitled to:

- a) Priority access to CDA training and education programs;
- b) Technical assistance on governance, financial management, and compliance; and
- c) Linkages with national government livelihood and enterprise programs.

SECTION. 8. *Implementing Agencies-*

The Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) shall be the primary implementing agency of this Act, in coordination with:

- a) Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);
- b) Local Government Units (LGUs); and
- c) Other relevant government agencies.

SECTION. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, DOLE shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION. 10. *Appropriations.*- The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the CDA and concerned LGUs. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION. 11. *Separability Clause.*- If any part or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION. 12. *Repealing Clause.*- All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION. 13. *Effectivity.*- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,