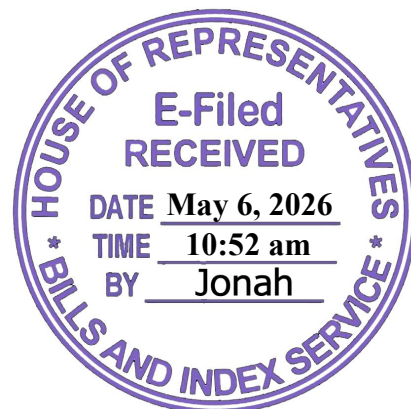




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HOUSE BILL NO. 9114

Introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, and Jude A. Acidre

AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CREATION 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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Local government units (LGUs) play a critical role in promoting economic development, attracting investments, and creating employment opportunities within their respective jurisdictions. With increasing competition among regions and localities for both domestic and foreign investments, local governments must develop the institutional capacity to promote their economic potential effectively and facilitate business development.

Under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, however, the position of an Economic and Investment Promotion Officer is not formally institutionalized within the structure of local government units. In practice, the functions related to economic and investment promotion are often assigned on a temporary or designated basis to existing personnel who have other assignments, resulting in inconsistent implementation of local investment promotion programs across LGUs. Currently, only a limited number of local government units, including Quezon City, Puerto Princesa, Legazpi City, Albay, Negros Occidental, and San Fernando, Bukidnon, have

established dedicated economic and investment promotion offices to actively attract investments and stimulate local economic activity.

Institutionalizing the position of an Economic and Investment Promotion Officer will strengthen the capacity of LGUs to formulate and implement local investment promotion strategies, develop competitive investment environments, and coordinate effectively with national government agencies and the private sector.

This measure therefore seeks to amend the Local Government Code of 1991 to formally establish the position of Economic and Investment Promotion Officer in provincial and city governments and in first- and second-class municipalities, while allowing third to sixth class municipalities the option to create the position depending on their resources and development priorities.

By strengthening local economic governance, this bill aims to promote inclusive economic growth, enhance local competitiveness, and encourage sustainable investments in communities across the country.

This measure was initially filed during the 18th Congress

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



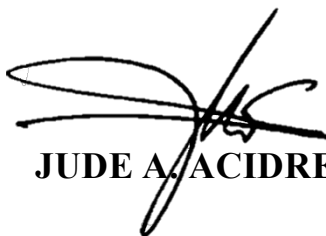
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. Section 443 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, 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. **FOR FIRST AND SECOND**

CLASS MUNICIPALITIES, THERE SHALL ALSO BE A MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICER.

(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, a municipal information officer. **THE MAYOR OF THIRD TO SIXTH CLASS MUNICIPALITIES MAY ALSO APPOINT A MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICER.**

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

"SEC. 454. *Officials of the City Government.* - (a) There shall be in each city a mayor, a vice mayor, sangguniang panlungsod members, secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod, a city treasurer, a city assessor, a city accountant, 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, **AND A CITY ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICER.**

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Section 3. Section 463 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as

follows:

"SEC. 463. Officials of the Provincial Government. - (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, 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, **AND A PROVINCIAL ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICER.**

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Section 4. A new section to be denominated as Section 490-A under the new Article Twenty-One of Book Ill, Title Five, of the same Act is hereby inserted to read as follows:

"ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE. - THE ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICER

SEC. 490-A. QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES. -
(A) 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 ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION 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 AND INVESTMENT OFFICER, AND THREE (3) YEARS IN THE CASE OF THE MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT OFFICER.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND FIRST AND SECOND CLASS MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICER IS MANDATORY, WHILE OPTIONAL FOR THIRD TO SIXTH CLASS MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS.

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

- 1. FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT THE LOCAL INVESTMENT AND INCENTIVES CODE;**
- 2. FACILITATE THE PREPARATION, COORDINATION, AND EXECUTION OF LOCAL ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION POLICIES, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT;**
- 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, GOVERNOR, OR MAYOR AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON THE GENERATION OF INVESTMENTS AND ON SUCH OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;**
 - 6. ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, AND UPDATE A LOCAL ECONOMIC DATABASE CONTAINING RELEVANT FACTS AND FIGURES;**
 - 7. COORDINATE WITH THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN THE PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES;**
 - 8. COORDINATE WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN CARRYING OUT INVESTMENT PROMOTION CAMPAIGNS;**
 - 9. CONDUCT INFORMATION DISSEMINATION ON LOCAL AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON INVESTMENTS; AND,**
 - 10. EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE.”**

Section 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of the 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.

Section 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,