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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Cooperatives play an important role in global and national economic and social development. Cooperatives promote the "fullest participation of all people" and facilitate a more equitable distribution of the benefits of globalization. To answer the clamor, Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code, allows for the appointment of cooperative officers to take charge of the office for the development of cooperatives, among others. However, the words of the law were vague and the implementation became optional on the part of the local government units (LGUs) resulting in either LGUs with cooperative officers who serve other functions or no cooperative officers at all. In the long run, the cooperative sector will be left to suffer by this inverse proportional line towards success.

Regardless of the type, size, geographical location or purpose, cooperatives provide a unique tool for achieving one or more economic goal in an increasingly competitive global economy. The national and local counterpart should not be left to decay. It is for this reason that the mandatory appointment of cooperatives officers by LGUs is hereby earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY APPOINTMENT OF A COOPERATIVES
OFFICER IN EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, 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. Section 487, Article 17, Title V, Book 3 of Republic Act No. 7160,
otherwise known as "The Local Government Code of 1991", shall be amended as follows:

Article Seventeen - The Cooperatives Officer

Section 487. *Qualifications, Powers and Duties.* - (a) x x x

The appointment of the cooperatives officer [is optional] SHALL BE
MANDATORY for the provincial, [and] city AND MUNICIPAL governments.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED SHALL HAVE
THE OPTION TO CREATE THE POSITION OF A COOPERATIVES
OFFICER OR TO DESIGNATE AN INCUMBENT OFFICER OR
EMPLOYEE TO PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF THE SAID POSITION.

(b) x x x

SEC. 2. 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,