Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Cooperatives Development to which were referred House Bill No. 287 introduced by Reps. Estrellita B. Suansing and Horacio P. Suansing, Jr., entitled:

"AN ACT MAKING THE POSITION OF A COOPERATIVES OFFICER MANDATORY IN THE MUNICIPAL, CITY AND PROVINCIAL LEVELS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

House Bill No. 619 introduced by Rep. Carlito S. Marquez, entitled:

"AN ACT MAKING THE POSITION OF A COOPERATIVES OFFICER MANDATORY IN THE MUNICIPAL, CITY AND PROVINCIAL LEVELS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

House Bill No. 1058 introduced by Rep. Dahlia A. Loyola, entitled:

"AN ACT MAKING THE APPOINTMENT OF COOPERATIVES OFFICER IN ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS MANDATORY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991'"

House Bill No. 2436 introduced by Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama, entitled:
"AN ACT MAKING THE POSITION OF A COOPERATIVES OFFICER MANDATORY IN THE MUNICIPAL, CITY AND PROVINCIAL LEVELS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

House Bill No. 2851 introduced by Reps. Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez and David C. Suarez, entitled:

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House Bill No. 3024 introduced by Rep. Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II, entitled:

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has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 5925, entitled:

"AN ACT MAKING THE POSITION OF A COOPERATIVES OFFICER MANDATORY IN THE MUNICIPAL, CITY AND PROVINCIAL LEVELS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"


Respectfully submitted,

REP. SABINIANO S. CANAMA
Chairperson
Committee on Cooperatives Development

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5925

Introduced by Representatives Suansing, E., Suansing, H., Marquez, Loyola, Canana, Villaraza-Suarez, A., Suarez D., Palma II, Cabredo, Castro, F.L., Dagooc, Ebcas and Paduano

AN ACT


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

SECTION 1. Section 443, Book III, Title Two, Chapter 2 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 443. Officials of the Municipal Government. - (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, a municipal civil registrar, AND A MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVES OFFICER.

(b) x x x
(c) x x x
(d) x x x
(e) x x x"

SEC. 2. Section 454, Book III, Title Three, Chapter 2 of Republic Act No. 7160, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 454. Officials of the City Government. - (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, AND A CITY COOPERATIVES
OFFICER.

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

x x x

(c) x x x
(d) x x x
(e) x x x.”

SEC. 3. Section 463, Book III, Title Four, Chapter 2 of Republic Act No. 7160,
is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 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,
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
veternarian, AND A PROVINCIAL COOPERATIVES OFFICER.

(b) In addition thereto, the governor may appoint a provincial
population officer, a provincial natural resources and environment officer, [a
provincial cooperative officer] [.] a provincial architect, and a provincial
information officer.

x x x

(c) x x x
(d) x x x
(e) x x x.”
SEC. 4. Section 487, of Book III, Title Five, Article Seventeen of RA 7160, is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

"Article Fourteen. - The Cooperatives Officer

SECTION 487. Qualifications, Powers and Duties. - (a) No person shall be appointed cooperatives officer unless one 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 business administration with special training in cooperatives or any related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have experience in cooperatives organizations and management of at least five (5) years in the case of provincial or city cooperatives officer, and three (3) years in the case of municipal cooperatives officer.

The appointment of the cooperatives officer is [optional] MANDATORY for the municipal, city and provincial governments.

(b) The cooperatives officer shall take charge of the office for the development of cooperatives REGISTERED WITH THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, and shall:

(1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sanggunian, and provide technical assistance and support to the governor or mayor, as the case may be, in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and provision of facilities through the development of cooperatives, and in providing access to such services and facilities;

(2) Develop plans and strategies IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COOPERATIVE SECTOR and, upon approval thereof by the governor or mayor, as the case may be, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the integration of cooperatives principles and methods in programs and projects which the governor or mayor is empowered to implement and which the sanggunian is empowered to provide for under this Code;

(i) xxx

(ii) xxx

(iii) xxx

(4) xxx

(5) xxx

(c) xxx."
SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,
FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 5925
(As approved on ____________)

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Introduced by: Reps. Representatives Suansing, E., Suansing, H., Marquez, Loyola, Canama, Villaraza-Suarez, A., Suarez D., Palma II, Ebcas, Dagooc and Castro F.L.

Committee Referral: Committee on Cooperatives Development
Committee Chairperson: Representative Sabiniano S. Canama

OBJECTIVE:

- To make mandatory the position of the Cooperatives Officer in all municipalities, cities and provinces.

- To ensure that the concerns of the cooperatives in the municipalities, cities and provinces are harmonized with the sustainable economic development plans of the national government.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Amends Article 443, Book III, Title Two, Chapter 2 of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 on Officials of the Municipal Government to include the municipal cooperatives officer.

- Amends Article 454, Book III, Title Three, Chapter 2 of RA 7160 to include the city cooperatives officer.

- Amends Article 463, Book III, Title Four, Chapter 2 of RA 7160 to include the provincial cooperatives officer.

- Amends Section 487, of Book III, Title Five, Article Seventeen of RA 7160, to make the position of a cooperatives officer mandatory in the municipal, city and provincial units of government

RELATED LAWS:

- RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991