## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## H. No. 6872

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEL MAR, LOPEZ (J.), VILLAFUERTE AND ROMUALDEZ, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2414

AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING NON-STOCK SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8367, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "REVISED NON-STOCK SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION ACT OF 1997"

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 8367 is hereby amended to 2 read as follows: 3 "SEC. 4. Organization of an Association. - At least five (5) but not more than fifteen (15) members of a well-defined 4 5 group as provided herein may form an association under this Act. 6 An association, prior to transacting any business, shall secure a 7 license from the Monetary Board and register with the Securities 8 and Exchange Commission (SEC). The application for a license, 9 signed by a majority of the incorporators and verified by one of 10 the trustees, shall include: 11 "(a) the proposed articles of incorporation and bylaws 12 together with names and addresses of the incorporators, trustees

1 and officers, with a statement of their character, experience and 2 general fitness to engage in the non-stock savings and loan 3 business; 4 "B) A NOTARIZED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE 5 EMPLOYER AND INCORPORATORS OF THE ASSOCIATION 6 COVERING THE COLLECTION MECHANISM FOR THE 7 ASSOCIATION; 8 "C)[b] an itemized statement of the estimated receipts 9 and expenditures of the proposed association for the first year; 10 "D)[c] a filing fee in such amount as may be determined 11 by the Monetary Board; and "E) [d)] such other information as the Monetary Board 12 13 may require. 14 "The SEC shall not register the articles of incorporation 15 and bylaws of a proposed association unless the application is 16 accompanied by a certificate of the Monetary Board approving 17 the same. The Monetary Board may deny the application to 18 organize an association under this Act if it finds that the association is being organized for any purpose other than to 19 20 engage in the business of a legitimate non-stock savings and loan 21 association or that the association's financial program is 22 unsound, or that the proposed members are adequately served by 23 one or more existing associations. 24 "PRIOR TO ITS OPERATION, AN ASSOCIATION IS 25 REOUIRED TO SECURE A FAVORABLE ENDORSEMENT FROM 26 THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF NON-STOCK SAVINGS AND 27 LOAN ASSOCIATIONS DULY RECOGNIZED AND ACCREDITED BY 28 THE BANGKO SENTRAL FOR PURPOSES OF ENSURING

3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27

28

1

2

COMPLIANCE, SETTING AND MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS, FORMULATION OF PROGRAMS NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRONG AND DYNAMIC NON-STOCK SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

"The association shall confine its membership to a well-defined group of persons and shall not transact business with the general public. A "well-defined group" shall be defined by the Monetary Board, and shall consist of, but shall not be limited to, any of the following:

- "1) employees, officers, and directors of [one company]
  PRIVATE COMPANIES, including member-retirees BELONGING
  TO THE SAME TRADE AND INDUSTRY;
- "2) government employees belonging to the same department[/], [branch]BUREAU[/], office, AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, including member-retirees; and
- "3) SPOUSES AND immediate members of the families [(]up to [second] THIRD degree of consanguinity or affinity[)] of those falling under paragraphs 1 and 2 above, INCLUDING THEIR LEGALLY ADOPTED CHILDREN.

"Associations whose articles of incorporation and bylaws were approved and registered prior to the effectivity of this Act and which allow membership coverage broader than the foregoing definition, shall be allowed to continue as such, [unless otherwise required by the Monetary Board] SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS MAY BE DEEMED PROPER AND NECESSARY BY THE MONETARY BOARD.

1	"[The Monetary Board may, as circumstances warrant,
2	require associations mentioned in the immediately preceding
3	paragraph to amend their bylaws to comply with the concept of a
4	"well-defined group."]
5	"THE ASSOCIATION MAY LEVY ENTRANCE FEES:
6	PROVIDED, THAT [I] In no case shall the total amount of entrance
7	fees exceed [one] TWO percent [(1%)] (2%) of the MINIMUM
8	amount OF CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION [to be contributed or
9	otherwise paid in by the particular member: Provided, That for
10	new members, the said fee shall be based on the amount of
11	contribution computed in accordance with the revaluation of the
12	assets of the association].
13	"No person, association, partnership or corporation shall
14	do business, or hold itself out as doing business, as an
15	association, or shall use the term "Savings and Loan
16	Association" or any other title or name tending to give the public
17	the impression that it is engaged in the operations and activities
18	of an association, unless so authorized under this Act."
19	SEC. 2. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 8367 is hereby amended to read
20	as follows:
21	"SEC. 7. Powers of Associations The association
22	[shall] MAY:
23	"A) accept deposits from [and grant loans] only [to] its
24	members, INCLUDING DOLLAR SAVINGS DEPOSITS: PROVIDED,
25	THAT, IN THE CASE OF DOLLAR DEPOSITS, THE SAME SHALL BE
26	SUBJECT TO THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BANGKO SENTRAL,

subject to such rules and regulations as the Monetary Board may promulgate to ensure sound, stable and efficient operation: *Provided*, That no deposits shall be sourced or deducted from the loans granted to a member without his or her written consent[.];

5

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

1 2

3

4

"B) EXTEND LOANS TO ITS MEMBERS. IN CASE OF AN UNCOLLATERALIZED LOAN, THE MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNT OF A MEMBER WILL BE BASED ON HIS PAYING CAPACITY: PROVIDED. THAT HIS NET TAKE HOME PAY SHALL BE NO LOWER THAN WHAT IS PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES OR THAT SET BY COMPANY INTERNAL POLICIES, IN CASE OF PRIVATE EMPLOYEES. IN CASE OF COLLATERALIZED LOANS, The loan s Amount shall not exceed the members' deposits and contributions in the association, plus twelve (12) months of his OR HER regular salary as the association may allow AND/or seventy percent (70%) of the [fair market] APPRAISED value of any property acceptable as collateral on first mortgage that [he] THE MEMBER may offer as security: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE CONDITION ON NET TAKE HOME PAY UNDER UNCOLLATERALIZED LOAN IS COMPLIED WITH. THE ASSOCIATION MAY PRESCRIBE THE INTEREST RATE, FEES. CHARGES, REPAYMENT PERIOD AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LOAN BASED SOUND ON RISK MANAGEMENT : Provided. That no loan shall have the maturity date of more than five (5) years, except loans on the security of unencumbered real estate for the purpose of home building and home development, which may be granted with maturities not exceeding twenty-five (25) years, and medium and long-term

loans to finance agricultural projects, subject to regulations
prescribed by the Monetary Board]: Provided, [further,]
FINALLY, That [the treasurer, cashier, or paymaster of the office]
NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISION OF ANY EXISTING LAW, RULE AND REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMPANY, DEPARTMENT, BUREAU, OFFICE OR AGENCY employing a
member is required [, notwithstanding the provision of any
existing law, rule and regulation to the contrary,] to make
deductions from A MEMBER'S [his] salary, wage, income,
OTHER COMPENSATION, [or] retirement pension, OTHER RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION BENEFITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES pursuant to the terms of [his] THE MEMBER'S
loan [, and all other deductions authorized by the member,] OR
HIS OR HER AUTHORIZATION AND to remit such deductions to
the association [concerned, and to collect such reasonable fee for
his services as may be authorized by rules promulgated by the
Monetary Board].

"[In addition to the powers granted it by this Act and existing laws, any association may:]

"[a) charge reasonable interest and collect such necessary fees and charges incidental to the grant of loans];

"C)[b)] invest its funds in any TRADABLE INVESTMENT-GRADE [sound non-speculative enterprise as well as in] bonds, security, and other obligations issued by the government of the Philippines, or any of its political subdivisions, instrumentalities,

or corporations [including government-owned or -controlled 1 corporations, AND OTHER INVESTMENT OUTLETS subject to 2 the rules and regulations of the Monetary Board PRIOR 3 BANGKO SENTRAL APPROVAL: 4 "D)[c)] allow members to participate in the profits of the 5 6 association ON THE BASIS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITAL 7 CONTRIBUTIONS AND STATUS OF THEIR LOANS ON THE DATE 8 DISTRIBUTION OF NET INCOME IS APPROVED BY ITS BOARD OF 9 TRUSTEES/DIRECTORS; "E)(d) borrow money or incur such obligations not 10 exceeding twenty percent (20%) of the total assets of the 11 12 association, from any lending institution. The Monetary Board, may, in meritorious cases, raise the ceiling on the borrowing 13 capacity of an association to an amount not exceeding thirty 14 15 percent (30%) of its total assets: Provided. That any such 16 association organized by employees of an entity or corporation may borrow funds from said entity or corporation but not vice-17 18 versa: Provided, further, That the number of the association's 19 creditors shall not exceed nineteen (19) at any one time; 20 "F)[e)] maintain deposits with banks: Provided, That the 21 amount of such deposits shall be subject to the loan limit to a 22 single borrower as prescribed herein or by other special laws or 23 regulations; "G)[f)] [require the employer-entity or corporation to 24 25 provide it with adequate office space within which it can conduct its business; LEND OR INVEST IN ANOTHER ASSOCIATION WITH 26

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF EXTENDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

27

1	TO AN ASSOCIATION EXPERIENCING LIQUIDITY PROBLEM;
2	[and]
3	"H)[g)] engage in death benefit program meant
4	exclusively for the mutual benefit of its members[.];
5	"I) REDISCOUNT PAPERS WITH THE BANGKO SENTRAL
6	OR OTHER BANKS AND THEIR BRANCHES AND AGENCIES. THE
7	BANGKO SENTRAL SHALL SPECIFY THE NATURE OF THE PAPER
8	DEEMED ACCEPTABLE FOR REDISCOUNT RATE TO BE CHARGED
9	BY ANY OF THESE INSTITUTIONS; AND
10	"J) PERFORM SUCH ACTS AND FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE
11	AUTHORIZED AND/OR DELEGATED BY THE BANGKO SENTRAL."
12	SEC. 3. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 8367 is hereby amended to read
13	as follows:
14	"SEC. 9. Service Units - An association [shall] IS
15	HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO open, maintain and operate service
16	units as may be necessary in order to EFFICIENTLY AND
17	EFFECTIVELY deliver services to its members subject to RULES
18	AND REGULATIONS PRESCRIBED BY [approval of] the Monetary
19	Board[.]: Provided, However, That Service Units Cannot
20	ACCEPT/RECEIVE DEPOSITS OR CONTRIBUTIONS."
21	SEC. 4. A new section, Section 9-A, is hereby added to Republic Act
22	No. 8367 as to read as follows:
23	"SEC. 9-A. PROVISION OF OFFICE SPACE THE
24	EMPLOYER-ENTITY OR CORPORATION SHALL PROVIDE
25	NON-STOCK SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS WITH
26	ADEQUATE OFFICE SPACE IN ITS PREMISES WITHIN WHICH
27	THEY CAN CONDUCT BUSINESS."

1	SEC. 5. Section 10 of Republic Act No. 8367 is hereby amended to
2	read as follows:
3	"SEC. 10. Agents and Salesmen No person OR ENTITY
4	shall act as a[n] SALES agent or [sales] representative of an
5	association [or operate an agency] without [obtaining a license
6	from] REGISTERING WITH the [Monetary Board] BANGKO
7	SENTRAL. No license OR REGISTRATION is required for a
8	collector of an association [but no person shall hold himself out
9	or act as collector unless he is authorized as a collector in writing
10	by such association]."
11	SEC. 6. Section 11 of Republic Act No. 8367 is hereby amended to
12	read as follows:
13	"SEC. 11. Merger or Consolidation of Associations To
14	achieve simplicity, economy and efficiency, MERGER OR
15	CONSOLIDATION OF SEVERAL OR different associations of one
16	company or department or office [may merge or consolidate]
17	SHALL BE ALLOWED [upon] SUBJECT TO THE approval of the
18	Monetary Board."
19	SEC. 7. Section 12 of Republic Act No. 8367 is hereby amended to
20	read as follows:
21	"SEC. 12. Trustees AND OFFICERS Only members are
22	eligible as trustees of an association: Provided, That in the case
23	of a merger or consolidation of associations duly approved by
24	the Monetary Board, the limitation on the maximum number of
25	trustees in a corporation, as provided for in the Corporation
26	Code, shall not be applied for a maximum period of three (3)
27	years so that membership in the new board may include up to the

1	total number of trustees provided for in the respective articles of
2	incorporation of the merging or consolidating associations.
3	"AFTER DUE NOTICE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
4	THE ASSOCIATION, THE MONETARY BOARD MAY DISQUALIFY,
5	SUSPEND OR REMOVE ANY TRUSTEE OR OFFICER WHO
6	COMMITS OR OMITS AN ACT WHICH RENDER HIM OR HER
7	UNFIT FOR THE POSITION.
8	"In determining whether an individual is fit and
9	PROPER TO HOLD THE POSITION OF A TRUSTEE OR OFFICER OF
10 11	AN ASSOCIATION, REGARD SHALL BE GIVEN TO HIS OR HER
12	INTEGRITY, EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND COMPETENCE."
	SEC. 8. Section 14 of Republic Act No. 8367 is hereby amended
13	·
14	read as follows:
15	"SEC. 14. Compensation of Trustees, Officers and
16	Employees No trustee, officer, or employee of an association
17	shall receive from such association, and no association shall pay
18	to any trustee, officer, or employee of such association, any
19	commission, emolument, gratuity or reward based on the volume
20	or number of loans made, or based on the interest or fees
21	collected thereon. Nothing in this section SHALL BE CONSTRUED
22	AS TO prohibit[s] or OTHERWISE [limits] RESTRICT any of the
23	following:
24	"a) receipt or payment of salaries of trustees, officers
25	and employees;
26	"B) RECEIPT OR PROVISION OF FRINGE BENEFITS TO
27	OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES;
28	"C)[b)] receipt of payment of commissions to agents
29	whether or not based on the volume or number of loans or on the

to

1	interest or fees collected thereon; [and] OR
2	"D)[c)] receipt or payment of bonuses to trustees, officers
3	or employees if such bonuses are based on the performance and
4	not on the volume or number of loans made or on the interest or
5	fees collected thereon.
6	"[All increase in the compensation, in any form, of all
7	trustees and trustee-officers in excess of ten percent (10%)
8	thereof per annum shall require the approval of the Bangko
9	Sentral.]
10	"In order to protect the funds of members and
11	CREDITORS, THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE
12	COMPENSATION OF TRUSTEES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
13	MAY BE SUBJECT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE
14	BANGKO SENTRAL."
15	SEC. 9. Section 16 of Republic Act No. 8367 is hereby amended to
16	read as follows:
17	"SEC. 16. Execution of Loan Agreement For each loan
18	made by an association, [a written note or other obligation
19	expressing a rate of interest must be executed by the borrower]
20	PAYMENT OF A SPECIFIC RATE OF INTEREST BY THE
21	BORROWER SHALL BE EXPRESSLY STIPULATED IN THE LOAN
22	AGREEMENT OR ANY DOCUMENT DEEMED AN INTEGRAL PART
23	THEREOF."
24	SEC. 10. Section 18 of Republic Act No. 8367 is hereby amended to
25	read as follows:
26	"SEC. 18. Limitations on Investment a) No association
27	at any one time shall invest in bonds and securities in a total
28	amount in excess of [ten percent (10%)] TWENTY-FIVE

1	PERCENT (25%) of the total assets of such association without
2	prior written approval of the Bangko Sentral.
3	"b) No association at any one time shall invest in real
4	property in a total amount in excess of five percent (5%) of the
5	total assets of such association.
6	"c) No association at any one time shall invest in
7	furniture, fixture, furnishings and equipment and leasehold
8	improvements for its offices, in an amount more than ten percent
9	(10%) of its total capital contribution."
10	SEC. 11. Section 19 of Republic Act No. 8367 is hereby amended to
11	read as follows:
12	"SEC. 19. Reserves Every association shall create a
13	withdrawable share reserve which shall consist of [two percent
14	(2%)] ONE PERCENT (1%) of the total capital contributions of
15	the members [which the Monetary Board may increase to a
16	maximum of three percent (3%), as the situation warrants]. THE
17	BANGKO SENTRAL SHALL, IN MERITORIOUS CASES AND WHEN
18	THE INTERESTS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS MEMBERS SO
19	DICTATE, ALLOW THE STAGGERED BOOKING OF ITS RESERVES
20	REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE ITS WITHDRAWABLE SHARE
21	RESERVE, SURPLUS RESERVE FOR LEDGER DISCREPANCIES AS
22	WELL AS ITS RESERVES FOR OFFICE PREMISES, FURNITURE,
23	FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT.
24	"[No association shall distribute to its members any
25	portion of its net income if its withdrawable share reserve is less
26	than the minimum requirement, or if by such payment or
27	distribution, such reserve will be reduced to an amount below the
28	minimum requirement provided herein.]

1	SEC. 12. Section 20 of Republic Act No. 8367 is hereby repealed.
2	SEC. 13. Section 21 of Republic Act No. 8367 is hereby amended to
3	read as follows:
4	"SEC. 21. Annual Reports by the Association Every
5	association shall, within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days
6	after the close of its fiscal year furnish the Monetary Board and
7	post in any of the association's bulletin board or in any other
8	conspicuous place a copy of its financial statement, AS
9	REVIEWED BY A BANGKO SENTRAL-ACCEPTABLE
10	INDEPENDENT AUDITOR, showing, in such form and detail as the
11	Monetary Board shall require, the amount and character of the
12	assets and liabilities of the association at the end of the preceding
13	fiscal year. The Monetary Board may, in addition to the
14	foregoing, require the disclosure of such other information as it
15	shall deem necessary for the protection of the members of the
16	association,"
17	SEC. 14. Section 22 of Republic Act No. 8367 is hereby amended to
18	read as follows:
19	"SEC. 22. Regulatory Powers Over Associations
20	Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 130 of Republic Act
21	No. 7653, the power to regulate the operations of any association
22	by the Monetary Board shall continue: PROVIDED, THAT THE
23	MONETARY BOARD SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE UNIQUE
24	BUSINESS NATURE AND THE INTRINSIC MANDATE AND
25	MISSIONS OF ASSOCIATIONS IN THE ADOPTION OF A
26	REGULATORY FRAMEWORK. SUCH PERTINENT FEATURES OF
27	THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK PRESENTLY APPLIED TO

1 REGULAR BANKS AND OUASI-BANKS MAY BE ADOPTED. SUCH 2 **POWERS SHALL** [and] consist of the following: 3 "a) [in seeing] ENSURE to it that the capital, financing, 4 direction and administration, as well as the integrity. 5 responsibility, and ability of organizers, administrators, trustees, 6 and officers of all associations organized and operated under this 7 Act, shall reasonably assure the safety of the interests which its 8 members entrust to them: 9 "b) [in regulating] REGULATE the operation 10 activities of associations, which include, among others: 1) in 11 placing limits to the maximum credit allowed any individual 12 borrower; 2) in determining the loan repayment period and loan 13 procedures; 3) in imposing a uniform accounting system IN 14 COMPLIANCE WITH THE PHILIPPINE FINANCIAL REPORTING 15 STANDARDS and manner of keeping the accounts and records of 16 associations; 4) in instituting periodic surveys of loan and 17 lending procedures, audits, test check of each and other 18 transactions of associations; and 5) whenever necessary, in 19 conducting training courses for personnel of associations; "c) In requiring all accountable officers and employees 20 21 of every association to post bonds for the faithful performance of 22 their duties in reasonable sums and with such sureties as the Monetary Board may require PRESCRIBE ADDITIONAL 23 24 LIQUIDITY REQUIREMENTS: 25 "d) In fixing, by rules or by orders, in specific cases,

after notice and hearing, the limits of loanable funds, amounts for

for

withdrawals

and

other

reserves

26

27

investment

and

1	contingencies   ENFORCE PROMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION ON
2	ASSOCIATIONS SHOWING CONDITIONS INDICATING HIGHER
3	THAN NORMAL RISK OF FAILURE;
4	"e) [in issuing rules and regulations for the proper
5	implementation of this Act, effective administration of the
6	associations, and to render advisory assistance to all interested
7	parties in order to carry out the intents and purposes of this Act;
8	[and]
9	"f) [in conducting] CONDUCT such investigations,
10	take[ing] such remedial measures and [exercising] EXERCISE all
11	powers under Republic Act No. 7653, insofar as they are
12	applicable in the enforcement of this Act.
13	"G) IMPOSE UPON ANY ASSOCIATION, ITS TRUSTEES,
14	OFFICERS, OR EMPLOYEES, AFTER DUE NOTICE AND HEARING,
15	THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS, WHENEVER
16	APPLICABLE:
17	"1) FINES IN AMOUNTS AS MAY BE DETERMINED TO BE
18	APPROPRIATE BASED ON THE NATURE AND GRAVITY OF THE
19	OFFENSE;
20	"2) RESTRICTION OR SUSPENSION OF LICENSE; AND
21	"3) OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS AVAILABLE TO
22	THE BANGKO SENTRAL UNDER ITS CHARTER;
23	"H) PROVIDE A CREDIT FACILITY TO SYSTEMICALLY
24	CRITICAL NON-STOCK SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS
25	EXPERIENCING LIQUIDITY PROBLEMS; AND
26	"I) PLACE UNDER RECEIVERSHIP, AFTER DUE NOTICE

AND HEARING, AN ERRING/DISTRESSED ASSOCIATION TO

PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF ITS MEMBERS PURSUANT TO THE

27

28

EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE MONETARY BOARD.

"THE RECEIVER SHALL FORTHWITH GATHER AND TAKE CHARGE OF ALL ITS ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND ADMINISTER THE SAME FOR THE BENEFIT OF ITS MEMBERS AS PROVIDED UNDER THE REVISED RULES OF COURT. THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 30 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7653 ON THE POWERS, FUNCTIONS, DUTIES AND OTHER TERMS OF REFERENCE ON RECEIVERS SHALL APPLY.

"The Bangko Sentral shall have the power to enforce the laws, orders, instructions, rules and regulations promulgated by the Monetary Board applicable to associations; to require associations, their trustees, officers and agents to conduct and manage the affairs of the association in a lawful and orderly manner. After due notice and hearing, the Monetary Board may revoke or suspend the license of any association, for such period as it determines necessary, particularly when the solvency of an association is imperiled by losses or irregularities, and/or when an association willfully violates any provisions of this Act or any rule or regulations promulgated hereunder.

"The director and examiners of the department of the Bangko Sentral charged with the regulation of associations are hereby authorized to administer oaths to any trustee, officer or employee of any association or to any voluntary witness and to compel the presentation of all books, documents, papers or records necessary in his judgment to ascertain the facts relative to the true condition of any association or to any loan."

1	SEC. 15. Section 24 of Republic Act No. 8367 is hereby amended to
2	read as follows:
3	"SEC. 24. Annual SUPERVISION Fees Consistent with
4	the provisions of Section 28 of Republic Act No. 7653, any
5	association organized under this Act may, pursuant to regulations
6	promulgated for the purpose by the Monetary Board, be required
7	to contribute to the Bangko Sentral an annual SUPERVISION fee
8	to be determined by the Monetary Board."
9	SEC. 16. Separability Clause If any provision of this Act is held
10	invalid, the other provisions of this Act shall not be affected thereby and shall
11	continue in operation.
12	SEC. 17. Repealing Clause Any law or parts of law inconsistent with
13	the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
14	SEC. 18. Effectivity This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
15	following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2)
16	national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,