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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"

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

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

3. "SEC. 443. *Officials of the Municipal Government.* -

4. (a) There shall be in each municipality a municipal mayor, a
5. municipal vice mayor, sangguniang bayan members, a
6. secretary to the sangguniang bayan, a municipal treasurer, a
7. municipal assessor, a municipal accountant, a municipal budget
8. officer, a municipal planning and development coordinator, a
9. municipal engineer/building official, a municipal health officer

1 [and], a municipal civil registrar, AND A MUNICIPAL
2 COOPERATIVES OFFICER.

3 "(b) x x x

4 "(c) x x x

5 "(d) x x x

6 "(e) x x x."

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

9 "SEC. 454. *Officials of the City Government.* -

10 (a) There shall be in each city a mayor, a vice mayor,
11 sangguniang panlungsod members, a secretary to the
12 sangguniang panlungsod, a city treasurer, a city assessor, a city
13 accountant, a city budget officer, a city planning and
14 development coordinator, a city engineer, a city health officer,
15 a city civil registrar, a city administrator, a city legal officer, a
16 city veterinarian, a city social welfare and development officer,
17 [and] a city general services officer, AND A CITY
18 COOPERATIVES OFFICER.

19 "(b) In addition thereto, the city mayor may appoint a
20 city architect, a city information officer, a city agriculturist, a
21 city population officer, AND a city environment and natural
22 resources officer], and a city cooperatives officer].

23 "x x x

24 "(c) x x x

25 "(d) x x x

26 "(e) x x x."

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

1 "SEC. 463. *Officials of the Provincial Government.* —

2 (a) There shall be in each province a governor, a vice governor,
3 members of the sangguniang panlalawigan, a secretary to the
4 sangguniang panlalawigan, a provincial treasurer, a provincial
5 assessor, a provincial accountant, a provincial engineer, a
6 provincial budget officer, a provincial planning and
7 development coordinator, a provincial legal officer, a
8 provincial administrator, a provincial health officer, a
9 provincial social welfare and development officer, a provincial
10 general services officer, a provincial agriculturist, [and] a
11 provincial veterinarian, **AND A PROVINCIAL COOPERATIVES**
12 **OFFICER.**

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

17 "x x x

18 "(c) x x x

19 "(d) x x x

20 "(e) x x x."

21 SEC. 4. Section 484 of Book III, Title Five, Article Fourteen of
22 Republic Act No. 7160, is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 [Article Fourteen. — The Environment and Natural Resources
24 Officer

25 SEC. 484. *Qualifications, Powers and Duties.* — (a)
26 No person shall be appointed environment and natural
27 resources officer unless he is a citizen of the Philippines, a
28 resident of the local government unit concerned, of good moral

1 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in
2 environment, forestry, agriculture or any related course from a
3 recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service
4 eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in
5 environmental and natural resources management,
6 conservation, and utilization, for at least five (5) years in the
7 case of the provincial or city environment and natural resources
8 officer, and three (3) years in the case of the municipal
9 environment and natural resources officer.

10 The appointment of the environment and natural
11 resources officer is optional for the provincial, city, and
12 municipal governments.

13 (b) The environment and natural resources
14 management officer shall take charge of the office on
15 environment and natural resources and shall:

16 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the
17 sanggunian and provide technical assistance and support to the
18 governor or mayor, as the case may be, in carrying out
19 measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and provision
20 of adequate facilities relative to environment and natural
21 resources services as provided for under Section 17 of this
22 Code;

23 (2) Develop plans and strategies and upon approval
24 thereof by the governor or mayor, as the case may be,
25 implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
26 environment and natural resources programs and projects
27 which the governor or mayor is empowered to implement and
28 which the sanggunian is empowered to provide for under this
29 Code;

1 (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions,
2 the environment and natural resources officer shall:

3 (i) Establish, maintain, protect and preserve
4 communal forests, watersheds, tree parks, mangroves,
5 greenbelts, commercial forests and similar forest projects, like
6 industrial tree farms and agro-forestry projects;

7 (ii) Provide extension services to beneficiaries of
8 forest development projects and technical, financial and
9 infrastructure assistance;

10 (iii) Manage and maintain seed banks and produce
11 seedlings for forests and tree parks;

12 (iv) Provide extension services to beneficiaries of
13 forest development projects and render assistance for natural
14 resources-related conservation and utilization activities
15 consistent with ecological balance;

16 (v) Promote the small-scale mining and utilization of
17 mineral resources, particularly mining of gold;

18 (vi) Coordinate with government agencies and non-
19 governmental organizations in the implementation of measures
20 to prevent and control land, air and water pollution with the
21 assistance of the Department of Environment and Natural
22 Resources;

23 (4) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services
24 concerning the environment and natural resources, particularly
25 in the renewal and rehabilitation of the environment during and
26 in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and
27 calamities;

28 (5) Recommend to the sanggunian and advise the
29 governor or mayor, as the case may be, on all matters

1 relative to the protection, conservation, maximum utilization,
2 application of appropriate technology and other matters related
3 to the environment and natural resources; and

4 (c) Exercise such other powers and perform such other
5 duties and functions as may be prescribed by law or
6 ordinance.]

7 "ARTICLE FOURTEEN. - THE COOPERATIVES OFFICER

8 "SEC. 484. *QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES.* -

9 (A) NO PERSON SHALL BE APPOINTED COOPERATIVES
10 OFFICER UNLESS ONE IS A CITIZEN OF THE PHILIPPINES, A
11 RESIDENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED,
12 OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, A HOLDER OF A COLLEGE
13 DEGREE PREFERABLY IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WITH
14 SPECIAL TRAINING IN COOPERATIVES OR ANY RELATED
15 COURSE FROM A RECOGNIZED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, AND
16 A FIRST GRADE CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBLE OR ITS EQUIVALENT.
17 ONE MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE IN COOPERATIVES
18 ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT FOR AT LEAST FIVE (5)
19 YEARS IN THE CASE OF PROVINCIAL OR CITY COOPERATIVES
20 OFFICER, AND THREE (3) YEARS IN THE CASE OF MUNICIPAL
21 COOPERATIVES OFFICER.

22 "(B) THE COOPERATIVES OFFICER SHALL TAKE
23 CHARGE OF THE OFFICE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
24 COOPERATIVES AND SHALL:

25 "(1) FORMULATE MEASURES FOR THE
26 CONSIDERATION OF THE SANGGUNIAN, AND PROVIDE
27 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNOR OR
28 MAYOR, AS THE CASE MAY BE, IN CARRYING OUT MEASURES
29 TO ENSURE THE DELIVERY OF BASIC SERVICES AND
30 PROVISION OF FACILITIES THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF

1 COOPERATIVES, AND IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO SUCH
2 SERVICES AND FACILITIES;

3 “(2) DEVELOP PLANS AND STRATEGIES AND, UPON
4 APPROVAL THEREOF BY THE GOVERNOR OR MAYOR, AS THE
5 CASE MAY BE, IMPLEMENT THE SAME, PARTICULARLY THOSE
6 WHICH HAVE TO DO WITH THE INTEGRATION OF
7 COOPERATIVES PRINCIPLES AND METHODS IN PROGRAMS
8 AND PROJECTS WHICH THE GOVERNOR OR MAYOR IS
9 EMPOWERED TO IMPLEMENT AND WHICH THE SANGGUNIAN
10 IS EMPOWERED TO PROVIDE FOR UNDER THIS CODE;

11 “(3) IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING DUTIES AND
12 FUNCTIONS, THE COOPERATIVES OFFICER SHALL:

13 “(I) ASSIST IN THE ORGANIZATION OF
14 COOPERATIVES;

15 “(II) PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND OTHER FORMS OF
16 ASSISTANCE TO EXISTING COOPERATIVES TO ENHANCE THEIR
17 VIABILITY AS AN ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE AND SOCIAL
18 ORGANIZATION;

19 “(III) ASSIST COOPERATIVES IN ESTABLISHING
20 LINKAGES WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND
21 NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN THE
22 PROMOTION AND INTEGRATION OF THE CONCEPT OF
23 COOPERATIVES IN THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE PEOPLE AND
24 OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES;

25 “(4) BE IN THE FRONTLINE OF
26 COOPERATIVES ORGANIZATION, REHABILITATION OR
27 VIABILITY-ENHANCEMENT, PARTICULARLY DURING AND IN
28 THE AFTERMATH OF MAN-MADE AND NATURAL DISASTERS
29 AND CALAMITIES, TO AID IN THEIR SURVIVAL AND, IF
30 NECESSARY, SUBSEQUENT REHABILITATION;

1 “(5) RECOMMEND TO THE SANGGUNIAN, AND ADVISE
2 THE GOVERNOR OR MAYOR, AS THE CASE MAY BE, ON ALL
3 MATTERS RELATIVE TO COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT AND
4 VIABILITY-ENHANCEMENT WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE
5 LIVELIHOOD AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE INHABITANTS;
6 AND

7 “(C) EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AND PERFORM
8 SUCH OTHER DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED
9 BY LAW OR ORDINANCE.”

10 SEC. 5. Section 487 of Book III, Title Five, Article Seventeen of
11 Republic Act No. 7160, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 “ARTICLE SEVENTEEN. – THE ENVIRONMENT AND
13 NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER

14 “SEC. 487. *QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES.* –

15 (A) NO PERSON SHALL BE APPOINTED ENVIRONMENT AND
16 NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER UNLESS ONE IS A CITIZEN OF
17 THE PHILIPPINES, A RESIDENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
18 UNIT CONCERNED, OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, A HOLDER
19 OF A COLLEGE DEGREE PREFERABLY IN ENVIRONMENT,
20 FORESTRY, AGRICULTURE OR ANY RELATED COURSE FROM A
21 RECOGNIZED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, AND A FIRST GRADE
22 CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBLE OR ITS EQUIVALENT. ONE MUST
23 HAVE ACQUIRED EXPERIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND
24 NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, CONSERVATION, AND
25 UTILIZATION, FOR AT LEAST FIVE (5) YEARS IN THE CASE OF
26 THE PROVINCIAL OR CITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
27 RESOURCES OFFICER, AND THREE (3) YEARS IN THE CASE OF
28 THE MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
29 OFFICER.

1 **"THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND**
2 **NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER IS OPTIONAL FOR**
3 **PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS.**

4 **"(B) THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**
5 **MANAGEMENT OFFICER SHALL TAKE CHARGE OF THE OFFICE**
6 **ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SHALL:**

7 **"(1) FORMULATE MEASURES FOR THE**
8 **CONSIDERATION OF THE SANGGUNIAN AND PROVIDE**
9 **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNOR**
10 **OR MAYOR, AS THE CASE MAY BE, IN CARRYING OUT**
11 **MEASURES TO ENSURE THE DELIVERY OF BASIC SERVICES**
12 **AND PROVISION OF ADEQUATE FACILITIES RELATIVE TO**
13 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES SERVICES AS**
14 **PROVIDED FOR UNDER SECTION 17 OF THIS CODE;**

15 **"(2) DEVELOP PLANS AND STRATEGIES AND UPON**
16 **APPROVAL THEREOF BY THE GOVERNOR OR MAYOR, AS THE**
17 **CASE MAY BE, IMPLEMENT THE SAME, PARTICULARLY THOSE**
18 **WHICH HAVE TO DO WITH ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL**
19 **RESOURCES PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS WHICH THE**
20 **GOVERNOR OR MAYOR IS EMPOWERED TO IMPLEMENT AND**
21 **WHICH THE SANGGUNIAN IS EMPOWERED TO PROVIDE FOR**
22 **UNDER THIS CODE;**

23 **"(3) IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING DUTIES AND**
24 **FUNCTIONS, THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**
25 **OFFICER SHALL:**

26 **"(1) ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, PROTECT AND PRESERVE**
27 **COMMUNAL FORESTS, WATERSHEDS, TREE PARKS,**
28 **MANGROVES, GREENBELTS, COMMERCIAL FORESTS AND**
29 **SIMILAR FOREST PROJECTS, LIKE INDUSTRIAL TREE FARMS**
30 **AND AGRO-FORESTRY PROJECTS;**

1 “(II) PROVIDE EXTENSION SERVICES TO
2 BENEFICIARIES OF FOREST DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND
3 TECHNICAL, FINANCIAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE;

4 “(III) MANAGE AND MAINTAIN SEED BANKS AND
5 PRODUCE SEEDLINGS FOR FORESTS AND TREE PARKS;

6 “(IV) PROVIDE EXTENSION SERVICES TO
7 BENEFICIARIES OF FOREST DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND
8 RENDER ASSISTANCE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES-RELATED
9 CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION ACTIVITIES CONSISTENT
10 WITH ECOLOGICAL BALANCE;

11 “(V) PROMOTE THE SMALL-SCALE MINING AND
12 UTILIZATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY
13 MINING OF GOLD;

14 “(VI) COORDINATE WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
15 AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE
16 IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO PREVENT AND CONTROL
17 LAND, AIR AND WATER POLLUTION WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF
18 THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
19 RESOURCES;

20 “(4) BE IN THE FRONTLINE OF THE DELIVERY OF
21 SERVICES CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
22 RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY IN THE RENEWAL AND
23 REHABILITATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT DURING AND IN THE
24 AFTERMATH OF MAN-MADE AND NATURAL DISASTERS AND
25 CALAMITIES;

26 “(5) RECOMMEND TO THE SANGGUNIAN AND ADVISE
27 THE GOVERNOR OR MAYOR, AS THE CASE MAY BE, ON ALL
28 MATTERS RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION, CONSERVATION,
29 MAXIMUM UTILIZATION, APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATE
30 TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE
31 ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; AND

1 “(C) EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AND PERFORM
2 SUCH OTHER DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED
3 BY LAW OR ORDINANCE.”

4 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders,
5 rules and regulations, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are
6 hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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

 Approved,

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