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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III

**AN ACT
CREATING THE POSITION OF THE MUNICIPAL
GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER IN MUNICIPAL
GOVERNMENTS, AMENDING SECTION 443 (a) AND
SECTION 490 (a) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

When the Local Government Code was crafted years ago, the governance system was far different from what it is today. The growing needs of the people now call for a more dynamic kind of governance.

Under the Local Government Code¹, the appointment of a General Services Officer (GSO) is mandatory for the provincial and

¹ ARTICLE XX
The General Services Officer

Section 490. Qualifications, Powers and Duties. -(a) No person shall be appointed general services officer unless he is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the local government unit concerned, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree on public administration, business administration and management from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in general services, including management of supply, property, solid waste disposal, and general sanitation, of at least five (5) years in the case of the provincial or city general services officer, and at least three (3) years in the case of the municipal general services officer.

The appointment of a general services officer is **mandatory for the provincial and city governments.**

city governments. However, the law is silent with respect to its appointment in the municipal government.

A General Service Officer is one of the most important lifelines of the local government. If we go by the core functions of the GSO, we can see that a local government cannot function effectively and efficiently without the support of a general service officer. A GSO provides diverse range of routine general services such as: (a) supply and procurement works, (b) building and ground maintenance, (c) inventory of government property and vehicles and (d) other duties and functions as may be prescribed by the Local Government Code.

A municipal general services officer could help accelerate the services needed because he or she could disentangle the congestions in the bureaucracy by ensuring that the logistical and administrative support systems are in place for all other departments especially at the municipal level.

The undersigned believes that the time has come for a General Service Officer to be considered as part of the organizational structure of the local government at the municipal level. In this way, there will be a reinvigorated delivery of general services and a more attuned policy direction for all local government units.

For these reasons, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III

1 **SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, issuances,
2 rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this
3 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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5 **SEC. 6. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
6 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2)
7 newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,