

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11535, April 09, 2021**]

AN ACT MAKING THE POSITION OF A COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT 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", AS AMENDED

Be it enacted by the Senate and 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:

"SEC. 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, and a municipal civil registrar. A municipal Cooperatives Development Officer (CDO) shall also be appointed: *Provided*, That the municipality has the option to appoint a full fledged CDO or merge such position to an existing position or official in a related office, unit or departments in the municipal government: *Provided, further*, That if the municipality shall appoint a full fledged CDO, the municipality has the option to set the rank, remuneration and other emoluments of the municipal CDO subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

"(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:

"SEC, 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. A city CDO shall also be appointed: *Provided*, That the city has the option to appoint a full fledged CDO or merge such position to an existing position or

official in a related office, unit or department in the city government: *Provided, further,* That if the city shall appoint a full fledged CDO, the city has the option to set the rank, remuneration and other emoluments of the city CDO subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

"(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.

"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:

"SEC. 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 of 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 veterinarian. A provincial CDO shall also be appointed: *Provided,* That the province, in the appointment of a full fledged CDO, shall set the rank, remuneration and other emoluments of the provincial CDO subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

"(b) In addition thereto, the governor may appoint a provincial population officer, a provincial natural resources and environment 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 Republic Act No. 7160, is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

ARTICLE XVII

THE COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

"SEC. 487. *Qualifications, Powers and Duties.* - (a) No person shall be appointed cooperatives development officer unless one is a citizen of the Philippines, preferable a resident of the local government unit concerned, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in cooperatives, business administration with special