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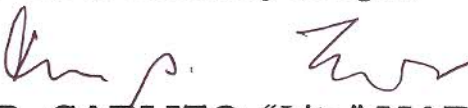

This bill seeks to amend pertinent provisions of Republic 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991".

The Population Office in every local government unit is very vital in carrying out measures to guarantee the delivery of basic services and provision of sufficient facilities appurtenant to the integration of the population development principles and in providing access to said services and facilities.

The said office is also given the indispensable assignment of mounting plans and strategies and upon approval thereof by the governor or mayor, as the case may be, implements the same, particularly those which have to do with the integration of population development principles and methods in programs and projects which the governor or mayor is empowered to implement. The office, likewise, assists the governor or mayor in the implementation of the Constitutional provisions relative to population development and the promotion of responsible parenthood and further establishes and maintains an updated data bank for program operations, development planning and an educational program to ensure the people's participation in and understanding of population development. By the same token, it implements appropriate training programs responsive to the cultural heritage of the inhabitants in the community.

We cannot downplay the vital function of population office to nation-building. However, when the Local Government Code of 1991 was enacted, it bestowed for the optional appointment of a population officer in the province, city or municipality. This manifest error should be corrected. We must consider that State should not just formulate the creation of Population Office for the provincial, city and municipal government as optional but rather be institutionalized as mandatory so that these offices would ensure that the tasks and visions for the provision of population development principles.

Immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MANDATORY
ESTABLISHMENT OF A POPULATION OFFICE IN
ALL PROVINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 488
(A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS “THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
OF 1991”, AS AMENDED

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

Section 1. *Title* – This Act shall be known and referred to as the “Mandatory Establishment of Provincial, City and Municipal Population Office of 2016”.

Section 2. There shall be a mandatory establishment of a Population Office in every province, city and municipality with the necessary budgetary appropriations covering the current operating expenditures and capital outlays.

Section 3. Section 488 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as “*The Local Government Act of 1991*”, as amended, particularly Title V (Appointive Local Officials Common To All Municipalities, Cities and Provinces) is hereby amended further to be read as follows:

“ARTICLE XVIII
The Population Officer

Section 488. *Qualification, Powers and Duties.* -

(a) No person shall be appointed population 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 with specialized training in population development from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have experience in the implementation of programs on population development or responsible parenthood for at least five (5) years in the case of the provincial or city population officer, and three (3) years in the case of the municipal population officer.

The appointment of a population officer shall be *[optional]* **MANDATORY** in the local government unit: Provided, however, That provinces, *[and]* cities **AND MUNICIPALITIES** which have existing population offices shall continue to maintain such offices. *(for a period of five (5) years from the date of effectivity of this Code, after which said offices shall become optional).*

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Section 4. *Separability Clause.* - If any part or section of this Act is declared unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or sections of this Act.

Section 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, ordinances, circulars, rules and regulations inconsistent with any provisions of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

Approved;