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HOUSE BILL NO. 4468



Introduced by Rep. NESTOR B. FONGWAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to make the position of Municipal Agriculturist mandatory in the municipal government, amending for the purpose Sec. 482 of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, particularly first sentence of the 2nd paragraph thereof.

Under the above-cited section of the code, it provides that the position of an Agriculturist is mandatory only for the Provincial Government and optional for the city and municipal governments. This particular provision making the position of an Agriculturist optional in the case of municipal governments does not sit well vis- a-vis the position's vital role in the implementation of Agriculture programs and policies in the Municipal level.

A close look on the powers and duties attached to the position as enumerated in the code clearly indicates its indispensability in the implementation of agriculture programs and goals. It cannot be denied that about eighty (80) per centum of our municipal governments rely on Agriculture as a primary economic industry. Considering that sound agriculture programs and policies starts in the grassroots level and thus serves as a kick off to our government's concern in bringing about food security, it becomes equally necessary to make the position of Municipal Agriculturist mandatory.

Being in-charge of the office tasked in formulating measures, developing plans and strategies, aside from ensuring access and assistance to resources in production, processing and marketing of agricultural products are extended to farmers and entrepreneurs, the position of Municipal agriculturist cannot just be taken lightly.

Approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

MAKING THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURIST MANDATORY IN ALL MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO (SEC. 482) OF R.A. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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

SECTION 1. The first sentence of the second paragraph of section four hundred and eighty-two of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government of 1991 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 482. The position of an agriculturist shall be mandatory for the Provincial and Municipal Governments and optional for the city governments.”

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.

HON. NESTOR B. FONGWAN
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