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HOUSE BILL NO. 4467



Introduced by Rep. NESTOR B. FONGWAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to make the position of social welfare and development officer mandatory in all the municipal governments of the country, amending for this purpose Section 483 of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government code of 1991.

The functions of the position of the social welfare development officer in the municipal level is of utmost importance. Faced with the problems of social deviations, poverty, care of our elderly, the needy and the differently abled members of society, municipal governments are left with no other choice but to recognize and consider this position a very important ~~functionary in the municipal social welfare and development office.~~ Aside from these social problems, municipal governments suffer much from the effects of typhoons that ravage our country year in and year out. Proven over decades of experience in the municipal level, every time natural calamities or disasters struck, it is always the social welfare and development officer that serves as the frontline in coordinating relief assistance and other appropriate crisis intervention actions to victims of calamities in the community thereby aply softening the impacts of disaster related damages in the lives of our people.

In the midst of providing a continuing solutions and actions to address these problems, the government bears the responsibility of ensuring the existence and availability of the services of the office of Social welfare and development officer in every municipality of the country by making the position mandatory. The powers and duties attached to the position as mandated in the code undoubtedly cuts across a wide terrain of needed social services geared towards the protection of the underprivileged and improvement of the living conditions of the people, hence this bill.

Approval of this bill is earnestly urged


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AN ACT

MAKING THE POSITION OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER MANDATORY IN THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE 2ND PARAGRAPH OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY AND THREE OF RA 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991.

Be it enacted in the senate and the House of Representatives in session assembled:

SECTION 1. The first sentence of the second paragraph of sec. four hundred eighty-three (sec.483) of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government code of 1991 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2. The position of the social welfare and development officer is mandatory for provincial, city and municipal governments.

SECTION 3. The secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.

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