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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1891

Introduced by Representative RICO B. GERON

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT TO
CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE INQUIRY, IN THE AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE
CURRENT STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11364 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COOPERATIVE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CHARTER OF 2019"

WHEREAS, the State recognized cooperatives as associations organized
for economic and social betterment of their members, operating enterprises
based on mutual id, and founded upon intentionally accepted cooperatives
principles and practices;

WHEREAS, the State recognizes the cooperative sector as primarily
responsible for the institutional development of cooperatives. The State also
recognizes the right of cooperatives to initiate and foster within their own ranks
cooperative promotions, organization, training, information gathering, audit and
support services, with government assistance where necessary;

WHEREAS, it is also the policy of the State to promote the viability and
growth of cooperatives as instrument of equity, social justice and economic
development and to create an agency, in the fulfillment of the mandate of Section
15, Article XII of the Constitution;

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2019, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte approved
into law the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Charter of 2019
otherwise known as RA 11364 repealing RA 6939 created in 1990.

WHEREAS, the new law aims to strengthen and to reorganize the
Cooperative Development Authority (CDA). CDA shall develop and formulate
policies implementing the Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008.
WHEREAS, On October 2020, the implementing rules and regulation of RA 11364 was published in the Official Gazette making it effecting during that month or 15 days after its publication.

WHEREAS, while the intentions of the government to empower the CDA is pure, a specific provision supposedly intended to foster dispute resolution mechanism to resolve intra and inter cooperative disputes appear to infringe on the autonomy of the cooperatives. Under the new law, in case of election controversies, the aggrieved party may elevate the case to CDA for adjudication. By this, in effect, CDA will violate the cooperative’s autonomy as it would meddle into the internal affairs of the cooperative.

WHEREAS, in addition, there are some cases where creations of regional cooperative federations were being carried out without the knowledge of the cooperative movement.

WHEREAS, it is important to revisit the mandate of Cooperative Development Authority in order to institute proper reforms to improve and ensure the growth of cooperatives in the country.

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on Cooperatives Development to conduct an immediate inquiry, in the aid of legislation, on the current status implementing rules and regulations of Republic Act No. 11364 otherwise known as the “Cooperative Development Authority Charter Of 2019
Adopted,

Rico B. Geron