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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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House Bill No. **1513**

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Introduced by REP. AUGUSTO BOBOY SYJUCO, Ph. D.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Republic Act No. 7883, otherwise known as the Barangay Health Worker's Benefits and Incentives Act of 1995 formally recognizes the valuable contribution of barangay health workers to community health development. They play a critical role in facilitating community and individual access to health information and services essential to people empowerment on health. They are thus in the forefront of the implementation of basic health programs and services at the grassroots level vital to community and individual well – being.

R.A. 7160, the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates the local government units (LGUs) to assume the health service implementation role in the communities, while the national government is responsible for ensuring technical standards and equity in health. Thus, the activities of barangay health workers in the communities are operationally and administratively supported by LGUs.

Under R.A. No. 7883, barangay health workers are now granted various incentives and benefits, such as hazard allowance and subsistence allowance, as well as other non-monetary entitlements. Aside from all of these, this bill proposes a modest compensation in the form of an honorarium of P4,400 per month which is the equivalent minimum rate for Salary Grade I position in the Revised Position Classification and Compensation Plan administered by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM). To help depressed 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class LGUs concerned, this bill authorized the national government to provide reasonable and necessary subsidy for the payment of the proposed honorarium to barangay health workers.

This bill is yet another measure to foster dedicated and faithful performance of duties at the grassroots level which is crucial to the efficient and meaningful administration of the barangay as the basic political unit of our government, especially in making health services available to the poorest of the poor.

The approval of this bill is urgently requested.



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**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF HONORARIUM TO  
BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS**

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

**SECTION 1. Compensation of Barangay Health Workers.** In addition to the benefits and incentives authorized under the Republic Act No. 7883, accredited barangay health workers may be granted compensation in the form of honorarium in an amount not exceeding Four Thousand Four Hundred Pesos (P4,400) per month or the current equivalent minimum rank for Salary Grade I in the city or municipality to which the barangays belong.

**SEC. 2. Funding.** The amount necessary for the grant of honorarium herein authorized shall be chargeable to the barangay or the city or municipality to which the barangay belongs: PROVIDED, That the national government may provide such financial assistance as may be reasonable and necessary for the purpose to fourth, fifth and sixth class local government units concerned.

**SEC. 3. Amendment.** Republic Act No. 7883 and pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 7160 are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 4. Implementing Guidelines.** The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), shall issue the necessary guidelines for the implementation of this Act.

**SEC. 5. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved.*