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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**HOUSE BILL No. 4356**

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Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE SALVIO B. FORTUNO**

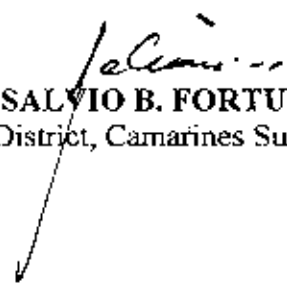
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Republic Act No. 7160 as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 explicitly devolves certain powers and functions to local government units, including barangays. In view of the great responsibilities that barangay officials have to perform, they must be compensated in the form of non-cash benefits for their basic services rendered to the people. However, it is quite unfortunate that the Local Government Code expressly limits certain benefits only to barangay officials. Notwithstanding the fact that other barangay workers like barangay tanods and accredited barangay health workers also act as frontliners in the delivery of essential services to barangay constituents, yet, they are not entitled to certain benefits that barangay officials are enjoying like exemption during their incumbency from paying tuition and matriculation fees for their legitimate dependent children attending state colleges or universities.

It is therefore the noble intention of this piece of legislation to extend such educational benefit to legitimate dependent children of barangay tanods and accredited barangay health workers during their incumbency. This benefit will certainly be a great incentive to further strengthen and systematize their services to their beloved barangay.

The foregoing reasons warrant the approval of this bill.

  
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Fifth District, Camarines Sur

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AN ACT  
AMENDING SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT No. 7160 AS AMENDED,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 TO  
EXTEND EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT TO LEGITIMATE DEPENDENT CHILDREN  
OF BARANGAY TANODS AND ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 393 of Republic Act No. 7160 as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 393. *Benefits of Barangay Officials.*** – (a) x x x

“(d) All duly appointed ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AND members of the barangay tanod brigades, or their equivalent, which shall number not more than twenty (20) in each barangay, shall be granted insurance, FREE TUITION AND MATRICULATION FEES FOR THEIR LEGITIMATE DEPENDENT CHILDREN ATTENDING STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES LOCATED WITHIN THE PROVINCE OR CITY WHICH THE BARANGAY BELONGS or other benefits during their incumbency, chargeable to the barangay or the city or municipal government to which the barangay belongs.”

**SEC. 2.** Section 6 of Republic Act No. 7883 concerning educational benefit of accredited barangay health workers, and all laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*