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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The barangay, as the basic political unit in the country, serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community and as forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and given due course.

Barangay officials are deemed persons in authority in their respective jurisdiction, and as such they are mandated to maintain public order and ensure the protection of life, liberty and property of each barangay resident.

Under the 1991 Local Government Code, barangays in the Philippines, headed by Punong Barangay (Barangay Chairmen), have defined powers in order to enhance their existence as an autonomous part of the municipality or city. They have executive, legislative and adjudicatory (Lupon Tagapamayapa) powers.

Barangay officials are the front liners of the government in the delivery of genuine basic services to the local folks. Punong Barangay (Barangay Chairmen) are the Chief Executives in the administration of barangay affairs. They preside over sessions of the Sangguniang Barangay and administer the operation of the Katarungang Pambarangay. The Lupon Tagapamayapa members mediate disputes at the barangay level. Barangay Tanods (Barangay Police) enforce ordinances passed by the Sangguniang Barangay and diligently exert all lawful efforts in the maintenance of peace and order in the barangay.

Barangays really have active participation in political and economic activities of our country. Henceforth, we cannot just take for granted the significant role of barangays in our society.

Given the above mentioned vital functions of the aforesaid barangay officials in the community we live in, it is significantly noticeable that the meager amount of honoraria, allowances and emoluments they currently receive pursuant to Section 393 of the present Local Government Code are not compensatory to the valuable services they render. In order to justly and equitably give due recognition to the remarkable contributions of barangay officials in the true progress of the country, it is not only just but timely that we must substantially increase the benefits of the barangay officials which therefore requires the necessary amendment of Section 393 of the 1991 Local Government Code.

Considering the foregoing premises, this representation earnestly seeks for the immediate approval of this bill.



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AN ACT

INCREASING THE HONORARIUM AND CHRISTMAS BONUS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA, AND GRANTING A LUMP SUM GRATUITY PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) AND OTHER NON-MONETARY BENEFITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT No. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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:

“SECTION 393. *Benefits of Barangay Officials* – (a) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the lupong tagapamayapa, shall receive honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments as may be authorized by law or barangay, municipal or city ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this Code, but in no case shall it be less than [One] FIVE thousand pesos (P[1] 5,000.00) per month for the punong barangay and [Six hundred] THREE THOUSAND pesos (P[600] 3,000.00) per month for the sangguniang barangay members, [and] barangay treasurer, and barangay secretary AND TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00) FOR BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA: *Provided, however,* That the annual appropriations for personal services shall be subject to the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five, Book II of this Code.

(b) The punong barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the barangay treasurer, and the barangay secretary shall also:

(1) Be entitled to Christmas bonus of at least [One] TWO thousand pesos (P[1] 2,000.00) each, the funds for which shall be taken from the general fund of the barangay or from such other funds appropriated by the national government for the purposed[;]: *PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA SHALL ALSO ENJOY THIS BENEFIT.*

(2) Be entitled, during their incumbency, to insurance coverage which shall include, but shall not be limited to temporary and permanent disability, double indemnity, accident insurance, death and burial benefits, in accordance with Republic Act Numbered Sixty-nine hundred forty two (R.A. No. 6942, entitled "An Act Increasing the Insurance Benefits of Local Government Officials and Providing Funds Therefor,"

(3) Be entitled to free medical care, including subsistence, medicines, and medical assistance in any government hospital or institution: *Provided, That* such hospital care shall include surgery or surgical expenses, medicines, X-rays, laboratory fees, and other hospital expenses;

In case of extreme urgency where there is no available government hospital or institution, the barangay official concerned may submit himself for immediate attendance to the nearest private clinic, hospital or institution and the expenses not exceeding Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) that may be incurred therein shall be chargeable against the funds of the barangay concerned;

BARANGAY OFFICIALS SHALL ALSO BE ENTITLED TO TEN PERCENT (10%) DISCOUNT, AND EXEMPTION FROM VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT), IF APPLICABLE, ON THE SALE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM ALL ESTABLISHMENTS, PARTICULARLY ON THE PURCHASE OF MEDICINES, AND SUCH ESSENTIAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES, ACCESSORIES AND EQUIPMENT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), AND ON THE PROFESSIONAL FEES OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIANS IN ALL PRIVATE HOSPITALS, MEDICAL FACILITIES OUTPATIENT CLINICS AND HEALTH HOME CARE SERVICES;

(4) Be exempted, during their incumbency, from paying tuition and matriculation fees for their legitimate dependent children attending state college or universities. He may likewise avail of such educational benefits in a state college or university located within the province or city to which the barangay belongs; [and]

(5) Be entitled to appropriate civil service eligibility on the basis of the number of years of service to the barangay, pursuant to the rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission [.];

(6) BE ENTITLED TO A LUMP SUM RETIREMENT GRATUITY PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) YEAR HONORARIUM, BUT IN NO CASE SHALL EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) TO BE TAKEN FROM THE BARANGAY RETIREE IS AT LEAST SIXTY (60) YEARS OF AGE WITH A MINIMUM OF NINE (9) YEARS IN SERVICE AT THE TIME OF THE RETIREMENT.

AS USED IN THI SUB-SECTION, THE TERM "RETIREE" SHALL INCLUDE ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA;

(7) BE ENTITLED TO A FRANKING PRIVILEGE FOR THIS PURPOSE, BARANGAY OFFICIALS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE PAYMENT OF POSTAGE ON ANY MAIL MATTER TO BE SENT TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS; AND

(8) BE ENTITLED TO TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT IN TRANSPORTATION FARE, AND HOTEL ACCOMODATION CHARGE.

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(d) All duly appointed members of the barangay tanod brigades, or their equivalent, which shall number more than (20) in each barangay, shall be granted insurance, FREE TUITION AND MATICULATION FEES FOR THEIR LEGITIMATE DEPENDENT CHILDREN ATTENDING STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, or other benefits during their incumbency, chargeable to the barangay or the city or municipality government to which the barangay belongs.

SEC. 2. Barangay Retirement Gratuity Fund (BRGF) Created – There is hereby created a Barangay Retirement Gratuity Fund (BRGF) which shall be used to fund the retirement gratuity of barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the Lupon ng Tagapamayapa, as mentioned in this Act. The amount equivalent to one percent (1%) of the share of the national government under Section 284 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended shall be used for this purpose.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall administer and ensure the appropriate disbursement of the Fund.

SEC. 3. Rules and Regulation – The Department of Budget and Management (DBM), in coordination with the DILG and Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), shall issue the necessary rules and regulation to implement this Act.

SEC. 4. Repealing Clause – All laws, executive orders, issuance, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.