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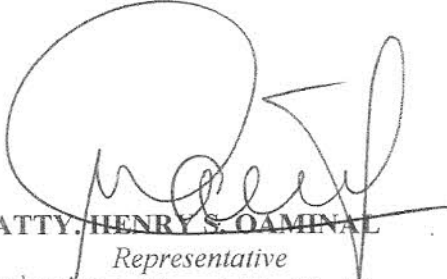
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7160 as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 devolves gargantuan powers and functions to local government units, including barangays. It is supposed to be expected that having awesome responsibilities come benefits and privileges to barangay officials who are explicitly mandated to perform basic services to the people. It is quite unfortunate however that this landmark legislation does not provide retirement benefit to our barangay officials after rendering years of service.

It is therefore the paramount objective of this bill to grant retirement benefit to barangay elective officials according to the number of years of service to their respective barangays.

Congress has been so generous and considerate enough to our senior citizens for the reasons that they have rendered services in whatever capacity during their prime. It will therefore be reasonable enough if we will grant retirement benefit to our barangay officials at a time they will no longer receive honorarium from the government.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

GRANTING RETIREMENT BENEFIT TO ELECTED BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 (b) 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 I. Section 393 (b) 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

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

(1) xxx xxx xxx
xxx xxx xxx

(4) Be exempted during their incumbency from paying tuition and matriculation fees for their legitimate dependent children attending state colleges or universities. He may likewise avail of state 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[.]; AND

(6) BE ENTITLED TO, FOR INACTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS ONLY, LUMP SUM RETIREMENT BENEFIT ON THE BASIS OF THE NUMBER OF YEARS TO THE BARANGAY, AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST TERM — EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) MONTH HONORARIUM FOR EVERY YEAR OF SERVICE;

SECOND CONSECUTIVE TERM - EQUIVALENT TO ONE AND A HALF (1 AND ½) MONTH FOR EVERY YEAR OF SERVICE; AND

THIRD CONSECUTIVE TERM — EQUIVALENT TO TWO (2) MONTHS FOR EVERY YEAR OF SERVICE.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary to implement this Act shall be charged against the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares of local government units to which the barangay belongs in the following manner:

Thirty percent (30%)	from the barangay
Fifty percent (50%)	from the municipality or city
Twenty percent (20%)	from the province

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,