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House Bill Number 829



Introduced by Representative **ROLANDO G. ANDAYA, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay health workers (BHWs) play a very crucial role in the delivery of primary health care in the country. They administer first aid, provide maternal and child care, and assist in nutrition education, feeding and immunization. Their services are also tapped to disseminate information on family planning, sanitation and hygiene, and to collect and record vital statistics essential to national policies, among others.

Being in the frontline, their services are expected to reach families in the remotest corner of the community, even when they face unavoidable risks.

In spite of their invaluable service, it is saddening to note that not much has been done to acknowledge their efforts by alleviating the economic condition of BHWs.

As a fitting recognition to the thousands of BHWs who do not mind breaking their backs serving their communities, this measure proposes to amend Republic Act 7883, also known as "Barangay Health Workers' Act of 1995" by providing a monthly honorarium of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (PhP5,000.00) to every qualified BHW.

Approval of this proposal is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT GIVING MONTHLY HONORARIUM TO ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS' BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995"

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

SECTION 1. Section 6 of Republic Act Number 7883, otherwise known as "The Barangay Health Workers' Benefits and Incentives Act of 1995", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 6. Incentives and Benefits. – In recognition of their services, all accredited barangay health workers who are actively and regularly performing their duties shall be entitled to A MONTHLY HONORARIUM OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PhP5,000), IN ADDITION TO the following incentives and benefits:

- a) Hazard Allowance – Volunteer barangay health workers in rural areas, exposed to situation, conditions or factors in the work environment or place where foreseeable but unavoidable danger or risks exist which adversely endanger THEIR health or LIVES and/or increase the risk of producing adverse effect on THEIR PERSONS in the exercise of THEIR duties, to be validated by proper authorities, shall be entitled to hazard allowance in an amount to be determined by the local health board and the local peace and order council of the local government unit concerned."

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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 city or municipality
Twenty (20%)	-	from the province

SEC. 3. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,