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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Barangay Officials are the front liners in the delivery of basic and other public services to our countrymen. As stated and recognized by the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, particularly Section 384 thereof, "the barangay serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered and where disputes may be amicably settled". Yet, the officials who are behind the active operation of the affairs of our barangays are left with minimal benefits which are found to be ironic given the endless recognition by our government of their indispensable role in the delivery of basic services and in nation building.

This bill seeks to provide a retirement benefit to qualified Punong Barangay and Member of the Sangguniang Barangay. Their dedication and contribution to public service for a certain period of time without monthly salaries but with only honoraria, allowances or other emoluments deserves more than mere recognition.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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**AN ACT PROVIDING THE PUNONG BARANGAY AND MEMBERS OF THE
SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY A RETIREMENT BENEFIT**

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

SECTION 1. *Retirement Benefit* - There is hereby established a retirement benefit for a Punong Barangay in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000.00) and a Sangguniang Barangay Member in the amount of Eighty Thousand Pesos (Php 80,000.00).

SECTION 2. *Who are entitled to a Retirement Benefit* - Any Barangay Official mentioned in the Section 1 hereof shall be entitled to the said benefit provided that he/she shall be at least Sixty (60) years of age and with at least nine (9) years in service. Provided further, that any such official dies or become permanently incapacitated while in the performance of his/her duty shall be entitled to the benefit irrespective of his/her age and number of years in service.

SECTION 3. *Barangay Retirement Fund Created* - There is hereby created a Barangay Retirement Fund (BRF) which shall be used to fund the retirement of barangay officials 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 Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall administer and ensure the appropriate the disbursement of the Fund.

SECTION 4. *Rules and Regulations*. - The Department of Budget and Management (DBM), in coordination with the DILG, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause*. - All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause*. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after is publication in any newspaper or general circulation.

Approved.