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HOUSE BILL No. 2701



Introduced by: REPRESENTATIVE MARISOL C. PANOTES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Local Government Code of 1991 devolves important powers and functions to local government units, including barangays. Having awesome responsibilities come privileges to barangay officials who are explicitly mandated to perform basic services to the people. It is quite unfortunate however that this landmark legislation expressly provides limited benefits to barangay officials.

It is noteworthy to mention that notwithstanding the fact that barangay officials act as frontliners in the delivery of essential services to barangay constituents and in some cases, they are required to travel to far distant places to assist their constituents and to attend seminars and conferences relevant to the performance of their duties and responsibilities. Yet, they are entitled only to meager allowance which is just enough for their food and travel expenses. Under this situation, they are compelled to spend whatever personal money they have just to meet both ends to the detriment of their family needs.

The practice of granting discount in transportation expense in the Philippines is not new. In fact, since the 1970's, students had been enjoying discount in transportation expense. Congress has likewise been generous and considerate to our senior citizens for the reason that they have also rendered services in whatever capacity during their prime and they now need love and care in their twilight years. Will it be too much also if Congress grants a little benefit to our barangay officials, who have been actively serving our people even with just a meager honorarium from the government?

It is therefore the paramount objective of this bill to grant barangay officials at least twenty percent (20%) discount on land, air and sea transportation.

The foregoing reasons warrant the approval of this bill.


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AN ACT
GRANTING TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT ON
TRANSPORTATION FARE, 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:

"SEC. 393. *Benefits of Barangay Officials.* - (a) x x x

(b) x x x

(1) x x x

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"(6) BE ENTITLED, DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY, TO TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT IN TRANSPORTATION FARE EXPENSE."

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SEC. 2. The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), in consultation with the Department of Transportation and Communication and Department of Tourism, shall issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations within thirty (30) days upon approval of this Act.

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,