Republic of the Philippines

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5058

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Introduced by Representative TYRONE D. AGABAS

AN ACT PROVIDING ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, MEMBERS OF THE LUPOON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKERS A LUMP SUM RETIREMENT PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) YEAR HONORARIUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act 7160, as amended, by increasing the honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments of barangay officials, including barangay tanods, members of the lupon ng tagapamayapa, barangay health workers, and child development workers nationwide.

The pivotal role of barangay officials, barangay tanods, lupon ng tagapamayapa, barangay health workers, and child development workers in barangay and national development cannot be countenanced. For many years, their indispensable role in the implementation of laws and government programs has immensely contributed to the economic well-being of their constituents in their respective jurisdictions, and the country in general. Since its enactment in 1991, or 28 years after its passage, no corresponding amendment on the benefits of barangay officials under Section 393 thereof has yet been made thus leaving said provision overtaken by time. They face and solve the problems of their constituents without due regard to the possibility of reaping the benefits of a lump sum payment after retirement. Taking into consideration the
years spent in rendering public service to the barangay and the sacrifice for long hours of work, there is a need to provide a lump sum retirement pay to our barangay officials, barangay tanods, lupon ng tagapamayapa, barangay health workers, and child development workers.

The passage of this bill is consistent with declaration of the State affirming the rights of workers including those working in the barangays.

Hence, this request for the immediate passage of this bill.

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THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
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Be it enacted by the Senate and 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) 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 Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) per month for the
punong Barangay and Six Hundred pesos (P600.00) per month for the sangguniang Barangay members, Barangay treasurer, and Barangay secretary; 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.

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"(3) BE ENTITLED TO A LUMP SUM RETIREMENT PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) YEAR HONORARIUM, BUT IN NO CASE SHALL EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) TO BE TAKEN FORM THE BARANGAY RETIREMENT FUND; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT A 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 THIS SUBSECTION, THE TERM RETIREE' SHALL INCLUDE ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKERS.

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"[(4)] (5) xxx
"[(5)] (6) xxx

"(c) xxx

"(d) xxx

SEC. 2. 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 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 disbursement of the fund.

SEC. 3. Rules and Regulations – The Department of Budget and Management, in coordination with the DILG, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any of general circulation.

Approved,