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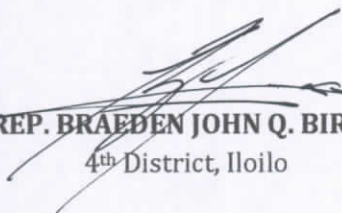
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The effectivity of Republic Act 10742 ("RA 10742") otherwise known as the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015 ("SK Reform Act") provides for provisions that shall ensure the relevance of the Sangguniang Kabataan ("SK") today. Some of the highlight provisions include the new age range for SK Officials from 15-17 years old to 18-24 years old, full autonomy of SK funds solely for youth development programs and initiatives, the conduct of Mandatory Training prior to assumption of office and the landmark law that prohibits political dynasty in the Sangguniang Kabataan up to the second degree of consanguinity or affinity.

At the outset SK Officials are expected to be living testaments of the reforms in the SK. However, the imposition of additional responsibilities and functions of RA 10742 which include, among others, the crafting of the Comprehensive Barangay Youth Development Plans and the full control of funds including the proper disbursement and accounting of funds, created greater accountability to the SK officials. As such, the setting resulted to a clamour in the grassroots to institutionalize SK Benefits and privileges.

Thus, this Bill proposes an approach to encourage SK Officials to enhance performance in their functions given the added tasks required by their Office. Further, SK Officials are deemed barangay officials; hence, it is fitting that they be at par with Barangay Officials in terms of benefits and privileges to maximize the results of the SK Reform Law.

It is for the aforesaid reasons that the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES
OF SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF
RA 10742 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015**

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

SECTION 1. Title. This Act shall be known as the “Institutionalization of Sangguniang Kabataan Benefits and Privileges Act of 2019”.

SECTION 2. Coverage – This Act shall cover all Sangguniang Kabataan Officials which include the Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson, Sangguniang Kabataan Kagawads, Sangguniang Kabataan Secretary and Sangguniang Kabataan Treasurer.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. – As used herein, the following shall mean:

- a) Sangguniang Kabataan Officials – shall mean the officials of the Sangguniang Kabataan both elected and appointed specifically the Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson, Sangguniang Kabataan Kagawads, Sangguniang Kabataan Secretary and Sangguniang Kabataan Treasurer;
- b) Benefits and Privileges – shall mean opportunities, whether monetary or its equivalent, entitled to a Sangguniang Kabataan official by virtue of his or her position.

SECTION 4. Benefits and Privileges – The following are the benefits and privileges entitled to the Sangguniang Kabataan Officials in addition to what are already granted to them by Republic Act NO. 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991) and Republic Act No. 10742 (Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015):

1. Entitled to at least Quarterly Honorarium or allowance from the barangay;
2. Civil Service Eligibility (Sub-professional) after completion of one term in the office provided that monthly accomplishment reports are made; and
3. Group Insurance Benefits which shall be charged against the barangay funds.

SECTION 5. *Appropriation Provision* – In order to effect the provisions of this Act, barangays that exceed the personal services requirement of the Civil Service Commission, must make necessary adjustments to accommodate the provision for quarterly honorarium or allowance of Sangguniang Kabataan officials. Group insurance benefits shall be charged against the barangay funds.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause* – All other laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with this Code are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause* – The provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be separable and, in the event any of such provisions is declared unconstitutional, the other provisions which are not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity*– This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation, whichever is earlier.

Approved,