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HOUSE BILL NO. 2721

Introduced by REP. RUWEL PETER GONZAGA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The barangays are regarded as the basic political unit. It serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community.

Article II, Section 24 of the Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall ensure the autonomy of local governments. Relative thereto the Local Government Code also declares under Section 2, that it is the policy of the State that its territorial and political subdivisions shall enjoy genuine and meaningful local autonomy to enable them to attain development as self reliant communities thus making them effective partners in the attainment of national goals.

Disputes between neighbours, peace and order in the community and the delivery of basic needs by the government to eradicate poverty are usually done through the help and support of the barangay and its officials. These barangay officials play a greater role in local governance and performs a much heavier responsibility in effecting change needed to solve societal problems in the grassroots.

However, barangay affairs and operations entail expenses and are sometimes costly. This measure seeks to attract and motivate barangay officials in performing their duties and responsibilities taking into account the realities of everyday living. It is compelled by the principle that just and equitable compensation be accorded to those who work to make our government work for the people. By giving them fixed salaries we acknowledge their contribution to nation building and at the same time encourage them to work harder

In view of the foregoing, approval of the bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING COMPENSATION TO BARANGAY OFFICIALS AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS CODE OF 1992" AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph (a) of Section 393, Chapter 4, Title One, Book III of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“ Sec. 393. **COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS** of Barangay Officials.
- - (a) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the lupong tagapamayapa shall receive **MONTHLY COMPENSATION**, 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[.]. **THE PUNONG BARANGAY, SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY MEMBERS, THE BARANGAY SECRETARY AND BARANGAY TREASURER, MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, PUROK CHAIRMAN INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING FIXED SALARIES:**

1. **PUNONG BARANGAY – A MONTHLY SALARY OF TEN THOUSAND (P10,000.00) PESOS, IN ADDITION TO THEIR EXISTING BENEFITS**
2. **SEVEN (7) SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY MEMBERS – A MONTHLY SALARY OF FIVE THOUSAND (P5,000.00) PESOS, IN ADDITION TO THEIR EXISTING BENEFITS.**
3. **BARANGAY SECRETARY AND BARANGAY TREASURER – A MONTHLY SALARY OF THREE THOUSAND (P 3,000.00) PESOS IN ADDITION TO THEIR EXISTING BENEFITS.**
4. **LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, PUROK CHAIRMAN AND BARANGAY TANOD– A MONTHLY SALARY OF ONE THOUSAND (P1,000.00) PESOS, IN ADDITION TO THEIR EXISTING BENEFITS.**

[but in no case shall it be less than One thousand pesos (P 1,000.00) 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.”

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of the Interior and Local Government under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be ***DISTRIBUTED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER***: [included in the annual budget of, the city or municipality where the barangay belongs]

- (a) ***NATIONAL GOVERNMENT – FIFTY PERCENT (50%);***
- (b) ***CITY OR MUNICIPALITY WHERE THE BARANGAY BELONGS- TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%)***
- (c) ***BARANGAY – TWENTY – FIVE PERCENT (25%)***

SEC.3. This Act shall take effect upon publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.