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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Peace and order is essential to preserve our way of life and to guarantee the free exercise of our people's rights. It provides a conducive environment for the functioning of our democratic institutions and facilitates economic opportunities in our communities.

The maintenance of peace and order is fought in the nooks and crannies of our communities and villages. It is undertaken by volunteer community brigades known as Barangay Tanods. They serve as safeguards against hostile elements. They are known to be "the first responders" to any disruptions of public order. They are exposed to danger and they put their lives on the line without the benefit of physical and social protection.

Through the years, the plight of our Barangay Tanods have been overlooked if not taken for granted. Their dismal allowance is not commensurate to the important task they perform.

This Act aims to rectify the years of neglect endured by the Barangay Tanod who patrol our communities, day in and day out. It will provide monthly allowance and additional benefits that will improve their living condition.

It is earnestly sought that this Act should be immediately approved.


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AN ACT GRANTING ONE THOUSAND PESOS MONTHLY ALLOWANCE AND ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES TO ALL BARANGAY TANODS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Short Title: This Act shall be known as "*Barangay Tanod Incentives Act*".

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy: It is a policy of the State to maintain a community brigade to carry out the purposes of Barangay Government in accordance with the needs of public service. *Further*, the state shall pass measures to ensure decent living and working conditions for all workers in government.

SECTION 3. Number of Tanods per Barangay: Every Barangay shall enlist a maximum of TWENTY (20) Barangay Tanods whose names and dates of service shall be recorded and forwarded to the city/municipal authorities by the Barangay Secretary or Punong Barangay for proper monitoring.

SECTION 4. Allowance: An amount of **ONE THOUSAND PESOS (PhP1,000.00)** per month shall be granted to all duly appointed Barangay Tanods, regardless of length of service. *Provided*, THAT Barangay Tanods who receive a monthly allowance above One Thousand Pesos are not covered by this provision.

SECTION 5. Other Benefits: All Barangay Tanods duly appointed by the Sangguniang Barangay who rendered continuous service for at least One (1) Year shall, during his/her incumbency, receive the following additional benefits:

- a. A Christmas bonus equivalent to One Half (1/2) of the bonus of the Punong Barangay.
- b. An insurance equivalent to One Half (1/2) of the insurance of the Punong Barangay in accordance with RA 6942. *Provided*, THAT the injury, disability, sickness or death is caused, in performance of his/her duties.

SECTION 6. Budget: a. The allowance mentioned in **Section 4** of this Act shall be drawn from the annual allocation for personal services of the Barangay. *Provided*, THAT if the Barangay cannot cover the said allowance due to insufficient revenue, the city/municipality it belongs to, will shoulder FIFTY PERCENT (50%) of said allowance.

- b. The fund necessary for the implementation of **Section 5** of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the Department of Interior and Local Government under the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 7. Rules and Regulations: The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause: Should any provision herein be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause: All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations and issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended, accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity: This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,