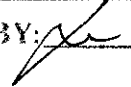




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to recognize and acknowledge the sacrifices of barangay tanods.

The barangay tanods are always in the front lines whenever there is a disturbance in the barangay. Whenever trouble erupts, they are usually the first ones to be called. Oftentimes, they assist the police in enforcing laws. They bravely face hazards despite their lack of arms and defenses and faithfully perform the tasks they swore to discharge.

Unfortunately, existing laws have not fully recognized their sacrifices and worth to our communities. They receive much less than other barangay officials.

This bill was originally filed by Rep. Augusto Syjuco in the House of Representatives.


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1 AN ACT
2 PROVIDING FOR THE WELFARE OF BARANGAY TANODS, AMENDING FOR THE
3 PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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

5 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Barangay Tanod Welfare
6 Act.”

7 SECTION 2. Paragraph (b), Section 393 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as
8 the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended as follows:

9 Section 393. *Benefits of Barangay Officials.* –

10 (b) The punong barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the barangay
11 treasurer, [and] the barangay secretary AND THE BARANGAY TANODS,
12 PROVIDED THAT, IN CASE OF BARNAGAY TANODS, THE NUMBER OF
13 BENEFICIARIES SHALL NOT EXCEED TWENTY (20) shall also:

14 (1) Be entitled to Christmas bonus of at least One thousand pesos (P1,000.00)
15 each, the funds for which shall be taken from the general fund of the
16 barangay or from such other funds appropriated by the national
17 government for the purpose;

18 (2) Be entitled, during their incumbency, to insurance coverage which shall
19 include, but shall not be limited to temporary and permanent disability,
20 double indemnity, accident insurance, death and burial benefits, in
21 accordance with Republic Act Numbered Sixty-nine hundred forty-two

1 (R.A. No. 6942), entitled "An Act Increasing the Insurance Benefits of
2 Local Government Officials and Providing Funds Therefor";

- 3 (3) Be entitled to free medical care including subsistence, medicines, and
4 medical attendance in any government hospital or institution: Provided,
5 That such hospital care shall include surgery or surgical expenses,
6 medicines, X-rays, laboratory fees, and other hospital expenses;

7 In case of extreme urgency where there is no available government
8 hospital or institution, the barangay official attendance to the nearest
9 private clinic, hospital or institution and the expenses not exceeding Five
10 thousand pesos (P5,000.00) that may be incurred therein shall be
11 chargeable against the funds of the barangay concerned;

- 12 (4) Be exempted during their incumbency from paying tuition and
13 matriculation fees for their legitimate dependent children attending state
14 colleges or universities. He may likewise avail of such educational
15 benefits in a state college or university located within the province or city
16 to which the barangay belongs; and

- 17 (5) Be entitled to appropriate civil service eligibility on the basis of the
18 number of years of service to the barangay, pursuant to the rules and
19 regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission.

20 SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
21 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
22 valid and subsisting.

23 SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
24 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent
25 with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

26 SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
27 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,