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Introduced by Senator S. R. Osmeña III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As a basic political unit, the barangay plays a very important role as frontline implementer of government policies, plans, programs and activities. For what little has been said about the role of the barangay in the development of the country, the barangay captain deserves some credit for the unheralded but nonetheless fundamental contribution to nation-building that he makes as head of the barangay.

The barangay captain assists national agencies in their campaigns and projects which are to be implemented within his territorial jurisdiction. Drug enforcement agencies depend on him to identify suspicious looking outsiders involved in illegal drug trafficking within his area; and police officers go to him for information related to their investigations or campaigns. As a result of these involvements, barangay captains often become the natural targets for criminals.

This bill seeks to grant additional insurance benefits to barangay captains for death or injuries sustained while in the performance of his official functions. This is to augment their present entitlements to insurance benefits such as medical, death and funeral benefits under the GSIS. Considering the nature of their duties, and the risks that they are exposed to, it is only fair and just that these benefits be extended to our barangay captains.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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Senator

1 not resulting in death, accidents and other
2 similar circumstances while in the discharge
3 of their official functions.

4 **Sec. 3. Disqualification from Benefits.** – No benefit shall be given to
5 any barangay captain or his beneficiaries when the injury, sickness or death was
6 occasioned or caused by the following;

- 7 a) habitual drunkenness or intoxication;
- 8 b) willful intention to injure or kill oneself;
- 9 c) notorious negligence; or
- 10 d) unauthorized absence or abandonment of office for at least one (1)
11 month prior to death or accident.

12 **Sec. 4. Actuarial Study.** – The GSIS shall, within sixty (60) days from
13 the effectivity of this Act, conduct an actuarial study to determine the premiums
14 to be paid corresponding to the benefits to be received by the barangay captains
15 in accordance with the schedule provided for in Section 2.

16 **Sec. 5. Appropriation.** – The National Government shall appropriate
17 annually and include in the General Appropriations Act an amount
18 corresponding to the total annual insurance premiums of the barangay captains
19 based on the actuarial study under Section 4 hereof.

20 **Sec. 6. Separability Clause.** – If for any reason any provision or section
21 of this Act is declared unconstitutional, such portions not affected thereby shall
22 remain in full force and effect.

23 **Sec. 8. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules
24 and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed
25 or modified accordingly.8

26 **Sec. 9. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
27 complete publication in at least (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,