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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The barangay traces its roots from the *balangay*, the sea vessel of the early immigrants from the other parts of Southeast Asia during the pre-colonial era, who sought refuge in what is now the Philippine islands. It has since then endured nearly four centuries, metamorphosing to *different but related forms* and now remains one of the country's fundamental government and social institution.

In 1991, with the enactment of the Local Government Code, the barangay as a form of community governance, was further fortified with specific provisions for its creation, organization, definition of powers and functions. As the basic political unit, it was empowered to be the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community. It was also constituted as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled.

The punong barangay is elected to head the barangay, exercising tripartite powers, i.e., executive, judicial and legislative. Other officials include seven sanggunian members and a sangguniang kabataan chairperson. To assist them are appointive officers that include the secretary, treasurer, barangay tanod brigades and members of the lupong tagapamayapa.

Despite the extensive responsibilities that may sometimes require barangay officials to work full time (more proper is "all the time"), they do not receive fixed salaries but mere benefits in the form of honoraria, allowances and other emoluments. While the amount of the benefits should be equivalent to not less than P1,000.00 for the punong barangay and to not less than P600.00 for the members of the sanggunian, treasurer, secretary and the SK chairperson; most of the barangay officials receive no more than the said amounts.

This bill seeks to institutionalize the payment of regular compensation to barangay officials. It aims to give a well deserved retribution to elected government officials fulfilling essential governmental and social functions. It accords financial security to public servants chosen by their respective communities for their inherent propensity and competence to lead in maintaining harmonious and peaceful societies.

In view of the above, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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**SERGIO R. OSMEÑA III**  
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**AN ACT**  
**MANDATING THE PAYMENT OF REGULAR COMPENSATION TO ELECTED AND**  
**OTHER BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT**  
**NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991**

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

1       **SECTION 1.** - Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, Section 393  
2 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as The Local Government Code of 1991 is  
3 hereby amended to read as follows:

4           "Section 393. *COMPENSATION AND Benefits of Barangay*  
5 *Officials.* - (a) THE PUNONG BARANGAY SHALL RECEIVE A MINIMUM  
6 MONTHLY COMPENSATION CORRESPONDING TO SALARY GRADE  
7 THREE (3), AS PRESCRIBED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6758,  
8 WHILE THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY MEMBERS, BARANGAY  
9 TREASURER, BARANGAY SECRETARY AND BARANGAY TANODS  
10 WHO HAVE SERVED CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE (5) YEARS SHALL  
11 RECEIVE A MINIMUM MONTHLY COMPENSATION CORRESPONDING  
12 TO SALARY GRADE ONE (1). [Barangay] THESE officials, including  
13 barangay tanods and members of the lupong tagapamayapa shall ALSO  
14 receive [honoraria,] allowances[,] and such other emoluments as may be  
15 authorized by law or barangay, municipal or city ordinance in accordance

1 with the provisions of these Code[, but in no case shall it be less than One  
2 Thousand Pesos (P1,000.000) per month for the punong barangay and  
3 Six Hundred Pesos (P600.00) per month for the sangguniang barangay  
4 members, barangay treasurer and barangay secretary]: XXX

5 **SECTION 2.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of the  
6 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of  
7 general circulation.

Approved.