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Senate Bill No. 2058

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Introduced by **SENATOR JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to recognize and acknowledge the sacrifices of our Barangay Tanods.

The Barangay Tanods are always in the front lines whenever there is a disturbance in the locality of their jurisdiction. Whenever trouble erupts, they usually are the first ones to be called than the policemen. Often times, they assist our policemen in the enforcement of the laws.

We cannot likewise deny that they have been one of the reasons why we could soundly sleep at night knowing fully well that despite their lack of proper arms and defenses, they bravely face the hazards and still faithfully perform the tasks they were sworn to discharge.

Yet, the existing laws have not fully recognized their sacrifices and worth to our communities. They face the hazards yet receive less than the other barangay officials.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO

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

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Barangay Tanod
Welfare Act".

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

"SECTION 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials.

a) x x x

b) The punong barangay, the Sangguniang Barangay members,
[and] the barangay secretary, AND THE BARANGAY TANODS,
PROVIDED THAT, IN CASE OF BARANGAY TANODS, THE NUMBER
OF BENEFICIARIES SHALL NOT EXCEED TWENTY (20) shall also:

(1) Be entitled to Christmas bonus of at least TWO THOUSAND
FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P 2,500.00) each, the funds for
which shall be taken from the general fund of the barangay
or from such other funds appropriated by the National
Government for the purpose, provided that, as to the
Barangay Tanods, the funds shall initially come from the
General Appropriations Act for the first five years from the
approval of this Act;

(2) Be entitled during their incumbency, to insure coverage
which shall include, but shall not limited to temporary and

permanent disability, double indemnity, accident insurance, death and burial benefits, in accordance with Republic Act Numbered Sixty Nine Four Hundred Forty-Two (RA 6942), entitled "An Act Increasing Insurance Benefits of Local Government Officials and Providing Funds Therefor";

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

In case of extreme urgency where there is no available government hospital or institution, the barangay official concerned may submit himself for immediate medical attendance to the nearest private clinic, hospital or institution and the expenses not exceeding Five Thousand Pesos (P 5,000.00) that may be incurred therein shall be chargeable against the funds of the barangay concerned, provided that, in case of Barangay Tanods, the funds shall initially come from the General Appropriations Act for the first five years from the approval of this Act.

- (4) Be exempted during their incumbency from paying tuition and matriculation expenses for their legitimate dependent children attending State Universities and Colleges. He may likewise avail if such educational benefits in the State University or College located within the province or city to which that barangay tanod belongs; and
- (5) Be entitled to appropriate civil service on the basis of number of years of service to the barangay, pursuant to the rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission.

SECTION 3. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Adopted,