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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The barangay, serving as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities, has found an effective and indispensable instrument in the pursuance of certain aspects of these goals, in the barangay tanod. Thus, the barangay tanod has become a pillar in the barangay government especially in the lowly communities, and the barangay tanod members have been the visible community officials that provide direct and round-the-clock services in the barangays.

The State recognizes the integral role of barangay tanod in community governance as evidenced by specific provisions in the Local Government Code providing limited benefits and privileges for its members. However, such benefits are still not commensurate with the services and the commitment being provided by the barangay tanod members. Civilian volunteers who risk even their lives and limbs in the performance of their mandated tasks deserve to be given the necessary recognition and support, in the form of benefits and privileges, by the State.

This bill seeks to provide what is due to the barangay tanod member. It also attempts to uplift the morale of said officials with the end in view that doing so, this shall act as a step in realizing the vision of effectivity and efficiency in governance at the barangay level.


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AN ACT UPGRADING THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES OF BARANGAY TANOD MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENDERED AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF SERVICE IN THE BARANGAY GOVERNMENT

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

SECTION 1. The State recognizes the Barangay Tanod, duly created under the provision of the Local Government Code, as an indispensable instrument in barangay government, particularly in the latter's role in tile maintenance and protection of peace, and security and the promotion of public safety within the barangay.

SEC. 2. As used herein, a Barangay Tanod means a brigade or body composed of civilian volunteers, duly created at the barangay level, to assist the barangay officials in the effective exercise of law enforcement for the maintenance of peace and order and the promotion of public safety.

Barangay Tanod members refer to civilian volunteers, duly appointed by the sangguniang barangay, irrespective of the number thereof, who compose the Barangay Tanod.

SEC. 3. Without in any way diminishing the benefits and privileges already granted by the Local Government Code and other related laws, a member of the Barangay Tanod who has rendered continuous service as such for at least one (1) year in a barangay shall, during his incumbency, be entitled to the following:

(a) Christmas Bonus of at least one-half of what the punong barangay shall receive, as mandated by law or ordinance:

(b) An insurance coverage equal to three-fourths of that received by the punong barangay, in accordance with Republic Act Numbered Sixty-nine forty-two (RA 6942) entitle "An Act Increasing the Insurance Benefits of Local Government Officials and Providing Funds Therefor" or in the amount provided for under Section 393(d) of the Local Government Code whichever is higher;

(c) Free legal services from government lawyers for criminal and civil cases filed against him, arising from acts committed in the performance of his duties; Provided that, such legal services shall continue even after the term of service of the barangay tanod member as long as the subject of the cases filed against him arises from acts committed in the performance of his duties;

(d) Fifty percent (50%) discount in tuition and matriculation fees for his legitimate dependent children attending state colleges and universities. He may likewise avail of such education benefits in a state college or university located within the province or city to which the barangay belongs.

Provided, that his children can continue to avail of this educational benefit even if he no longer serves as an incumbent barangay tanod as long as he has already rendered service as such to the barangay for at least two (2) years and he was not removed for cause as provided in Section 5 hereof, and

(e) Preference in the availment of and/or membership in barangay livelihood and development projects, whether initiated by the National Government or the local government units.

SEC. 4. A Barangay Tanod member who is yet to render service as such to the barangay for a period of one (1) year shall receive the benefits and privileges as mandated by the Local Government Code.

SEC. 5. A Barangay Tanod member, once appointed, shall not be removed as such nor his services terminated, except for causes enumerated by the barangay resolution creating the Barangay Tanod, which shall take into consideration integrity, responsibility and accountability in barangay service by a barangay tanod shall rest upon the decision of the members of the sangguniang barangay

SEC. 6. Such sums, as maybe necessary for the implementation of the provision of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter the amount needed shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act for the Department of Interior and Local Government.

SEC. 7. All general and special laws, acts, city charters, executive orders, proclamations and administrative regulations, or part or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any provisions of this 7 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. The Department of Interior and Local Government shall issue therules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect upon approval. ..

Approved.