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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to amend certain provisions of Republic Act No. 783 entitled "AN ACT GRANTING BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." R.A. 753 paves the way for the provision of hazard allowances and subsistence allowances as well as other benefits to these workers but fails to standardize these allowances, leaving them to the determination of local health boards. Without a standard subsistence allowance allotted for these workers, local Health boards may simply give cut allowances to these workers subject to availability of funds. This practice may, thus, leave barangay Health workers without the necessary regular allowance for their daily expenses.

These workers are an integral part of the State's policy to promote the Constitutional right of the people to Health. Barangay health workers are responsible for implementing the State's health policies down to the barangay level. To encourage their growth and motivate them in their work, the State should thus provide standardized subsistence allowances to those workers.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR A MINIMUM SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE FOR BARANGAY**  
**HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 6 (b) OF REPUBLIC**  
**ACT NO. 7883, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO**  
**ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 7883 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 6. Incentives and Benefits. - in recognition of their services, all accredited barangay health workers who are actively and regularly performing their duties shall be entitled to the following incentives and benefits."

XXX.

"(b) Subsistence Allowance. - Barangay health workers who render service within the premises of isolated barangay health stations in order to make their services available at any and all times, shall be entitled to a monthly subsistence allowance, which shall be computed in accordance with prevailing circumstances as determined by the local government unit concerned, BUT SHALL IN NO CASE BE LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.)"

SEC. 2. *Funds.* -- The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby appropriated out of any funds available and not otherwise appropriated in the National Treasury.

Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.* - Should any part or provision of this Act be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Act not otherwise affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days alter its publication in the Official Gazette and in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,