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EXPLANATORY NOTE


The Local Government Code tasks the *Punong Barangay* and the *Sangguniang Barangay* with the primary function of ensuring the general welfare of the barangay and its inhabitants.

Working almost 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the *Punong Barangay* and the members of the *Sangguniang Barangay* receive only honoraria and other benefits under the Local Government Code. They are also provided insurance benefits under RA 6942.

The law, however, does not provide for their pension when they retire.

The attached bill seeks to address this need by providing for pension benefits for the *Punong Barangay* and the members of *Sangguniang Barangay* when they retire. For them to qualify for the retirement pension provided in the bill they must have served at least three (3) consecutive terms as such barangay official.

Passage of the bill is earnestly urged.


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AN ACT PROVIDING RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR THE PUNONG BARANGAY AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY WHO HAVE SERVED THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE TERMS AS SUCH OFFICIALS

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

1 SECTION 1. In addition to the existing benefits as provided them by law, every punong
2 barangay and sangguniang barangay member who has served as such for three (3) consecutive
3 terms, shall, at the end of his third term, be entitled for life to a monthly retirement pension
4 equivalent to an amount not lower than the monthly honorarium which he received during his
5 incumbency.

6 SEC. 2. For purposes of this Act, the national government of the Republic of the Philippines
7 shall appropriate annually and include in the General Appropriations Act the total annual premiums
8 based on the actual members of barangay officials covered under Section One hereof and as certified
9 by the Department of Interior and Local Government and as recommended by the Government
10 Service Insurance System, based on the actuarial studies the System shall conduct from time to time
11 to determine the adequacy of the government contribution as provided herein. The entire
12 appropriation for the payments of the total annual premium shall be released to the System during
13 the first month of every calendar year.

14 SEC. 3. All claims for payment of retirement benefit pursuant to the provisions of this Act,
15 shall, with the assistance of barangay officials concerned, be processed and settled within thirty (30)
16 days at the nearest Government Service Insurance System branch from submission of all the
17 required documents to the System.

1 SEC. 4. Within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Interior
2 and Local Government, in consultation with the Government Service Insurance System, shall
3 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act: Provided,
4 That no barangay official covered by this Act shall be deprived of the retirement benefit provided
5 herein due to the failure of the Department and System to promulgate the rules mandated in this
6 Section.

7 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in two (2)
8 national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.