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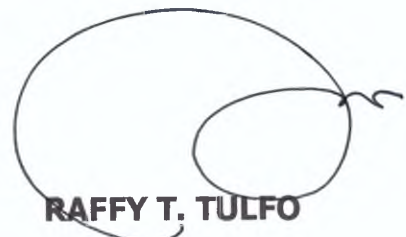
AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL HEALTH BOARDS OF EVERY PROVINCE, CITY,
OR MUNICIPALITY BY INCLUDING IN THE MEMBERSHIP THEREOF
REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS FEDERATION,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 102 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS
AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under Section 102 of Republic Act No. 7160, also known as the Local Government Code of 1991, Local Health Boards are composed of the local chief executive as the chairperson, a private sector representative, a Department of Health (DOH) representative, and other members such as a sanggunian member, a representative from the women's sector, and a representative from the youth sector. The proposed measure seeks to include a representative from the barangay health workers federation as a member of the LHBs. This is in recognition of the vital role that BHWs play in promoting and ensuring the health and well-being of their communities. BHWs are community-based health workers who provide basic health services, health education, and disease

prevention and control activities at the barangay level. By including a representative from the BHW federation in the LHBs, the bill aims to strengthen the participation of BHWs in the formulation and implementation of local health plans and programs. It also seeks to ensure that the needs and concerns of BHWs are taken into account in the decision-making processes of LHBs.

The proposed bill is consistent with the national policy of empowering and recognizing the contributions of BHWs in the Philippine healthcare system. The Department of Health, through its National BHW Registry and Accreditation System, has been actively promoting the professionalization of BHWs and their integration into the formal healthcare system.



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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 102 (a) (1) (2) (3) and, (b) (1) of Republic Act No. 7160, as
2 amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, is
3 hereby further amended to read as follows:

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5 "SECTION 102. Creation and Composition. - There shall be established a local
6 health board in every province, city, or municipality. The composition of the local
7 health boards shall be as follows:

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(1) The provincial health board shall be headed by the [g]Governor as [chairman] CHAIRPERSON, the [p] Provincial [v]Vice-[g]Governor as [vice-chairman] VICE-CHAIRPERSON, and the [chairman] CHAIRPERSON of the [c]Committee on [h]Health of the [s]Sangguniang [p] Panlalawigan, THE DULY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE PROVINCIAL FEDERATION OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, a representative from the private sector or nongovernmental organizations involved in health services, and a representative of the Department of Health in the province, as members;

(2) The [c]City [h]Health [b]Board shall be headed by the [c]City [m]Mayor as [chairman] CHAIRPERSON, the [c]City [h]Health [o]Officer as [vice-chairman] VICE-CHAIRPERSON, and the [c]Chairman of the [c]Committee on [h]Health of the [s]Sangguniang [p] Panlungsod, THE DULY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CITY FEDERATION OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, a representative from the private sector or nongovernmental organizations involved in health services, and a representative of the Department of Health in the city, as members; and

(3) The [m]Municipal [h]Health [b]Board shall be headed by the [m]Municipal [m]Mayor as [chairman] CHAIRPERSON, the [m]Municipal [h]Health [o]Officer as [vice-chairman] VICE-CHAIRPERSON, and the [chairman] CHAIRPERSON of the [c]Committee on [h]Health of the [s]Sangguniang [b]Bayan, THE DULY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL FEDERATION OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, a representative from the private sector or nongovernmental organizations involved in health services, and a representative of the Department of Health in the municipality, as members.

(b) The functions of the local health board shall be as follows:

- (1) To propose to the sanggunian concerned, in accordance with the standards and criteria set by the Department of Health, annual budgetary allocations for the operation and maintenance of health facilities and services, INCENTIVES OR BENEFITS OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW AND

1 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING EXPENDITURES OF LOCAL FUNDS ON HEALTH
2 SERVICES within the municipality, city or province, as the case may be;

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4 (2) To serve as an advisory committee to the sanggunian concerned on health matters
5 such as, but not limited to, the necessity for, and application of, local appropriations for
6 public health purposes; and

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8 (3) Consistent with the technical and administrative standards of the Department of
9 Health, create committees which shall advice the local health agencies on matters such
10 as[, but not limited to,] personnel selection and promotion, bids and awards, grievance
11 and complaints, personnel discipline, budget review, operations review and similar
12 functions.

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14 **SEC. 2.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent
15 with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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17 **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
18 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,