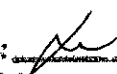


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Over the years, the barangay tanod has always proven to be an indispensable instrument in community governance particularly in its role in the maintenance, protection and promotion of peace and security within the barangay.

Under the Local Government Code of 1991, barangay tanods are provided limited benefits and privileges for its members. However, such benefits are still not commensurate with their services and their commitment to public service. These civilian volunteers, in the performance of their tasks, risk even their lives, that they deserve to be given the necessary recognition and support, in the form of benefits and privileges by the State.

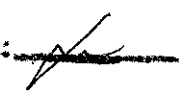
In this view, this bill seeks to provide what is due to the barangay tanods. It seeks to provide additional benefits to augment their honoraria, allowances and other emoluments to meet the high cost of living and supply them with needed assistance, such as free legal assistance from the government for cases filed against them in the performance of their duties, and discounts on school tuition and matriculation fees of their legitimate and legally adopted children, among others.

The approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT UPGRADING THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES OF
BARANGAY TANOD MEMBERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 (d)
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991**

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 the maintenance and protection of peace and security and the promotion of public safety within the barangay.

SEC. 2. Section 393 (d) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(d) All duly appointed members of the barangay tanod brigades, or their equivalent, which shall number not more than twenty (20) in each barangay, shall be granted [insurance or other benefits during their incumbency, chargeable to the barangay or the city or municipal government to which the barangay belongs]
DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES:

(A) BE ENTITLED TO A HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT;

(B) FREE LEGAL SERVICES FROM GOVERNMENT LAWYERS FOR CRIMINAL AND CIVIL CASES FILED AGAINST HIM, ARISING FROM ACTS COMMITTED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES. PROVIDED FURTHER, 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;

(C) 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; AND

(D) 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. 3. The amount 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 of the Department of Interior and Local Government.

SEC. 4. 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 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. The Department of Interior and Local Government shall issue the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,