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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant retirement benefits to barangay officials who served for consecutive period of nine (9) years or three terms of honorable public service.

The barangay is the basic political unit in our system of government. It serves as a front-line defense against insurgency and acts as the catalyst of development even in the most remote areas of the country. It is the primary planning and implementing unit of government programs and projects. These important functions of the barangay are executed and implemented by barangay officials, who, as community leaders unselfishly render their services and risk their lives in carrying out their responsibilities.

It is unfortunate, however, that for all their services and sacrifices, devotion and dedication for the welfare of the barangay and its residents, they have not been adequately compensated nor granted retirement benefits for their less productive years.

It is therefore earnestly proposed that this bill be approved to recognize the efforts exerted by them.

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AN ACT

GRANTING RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO ALL ELECTIVE OR APPOINTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS WHO HAVE RENDERED A CONSECUTIVE PERIOD OF NINE (9) YEARS OR THREE TERMS OF PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE BARANGAY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1	SECTION 1. Retirement Benefits All elective and appointive barangay officials
2	who have rendered a consecutive period of nine (9) years or three terms of honourable
3	service as barangay official and have opted for retirement shall receive retirement benefits
4	provided in this Act.
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6	SEC. 2. Amount of Benefit A barangay official entitled to retirement benefits
7	under this Act shall receive a monthly pension for life amounting to not less than sixty-five
8	percent (65%) of the monthly average honoraria, allowances and other emoluments
9	authorized by law or by city, municipal or barangay ordinance.
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11	SEC. 3. Administration of Retirement System Within sixty (60) days from the
12	approval of this Act, the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) shall establish and
13	administer an appropriate system under which barangay officials shall enjoy retirement
14	benefits. The GSIS shall undertake actuarial study to determine the funding requirement

15 for the operation and maintenance of the retirement system. The amount so determined

shall be initially charged to the appropriations for the Department of the Interior and Local
Government under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may
be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the retirement system, shall
be included in the annual budget of the municipality or city to which the barangay belongs.

5 The initial appropriations provided by the Department of the Interior and Local 6 Government and the subsequent annual budgets provided by the municipal and city 7 government for the operation and maintenance of the retirement system shall be released to 8 the GSIS.

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SEC. 4. *Rules and Regulations.* – The GSIS, in coordination with the Department
 of the Interior and Local Government, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations
 for the implementation of this Act.

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SEC. 5. *Existing Benefits.* - Nothing in this Act shall be construed as to diminish,
 in any way, any existing benefits provided by laws, rules and regulations, local ordinances
 or any other issuances to barangay officials.

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18 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders and other 19 issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified 20 accordingly.

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22 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,