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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Presidential Decree No. 1569 was issued in 1978 to address the prevailing conditions of malnutrition in the country. It aimed to tackle malnutrition concerns, specifically in the grassroots level, by initiating a project that will provide a nutrition worker for every barangay.

Though said law considerably contributed to the significant reduction of malnutrition in the country, at present the number of malnourished children is still at an alarming level. It is therefore necessary to examine the implementation of the above mandate for the country to have a well-nourished population – one that would contribute to the national economic welfare.

In recognition of the above, this bill seeks to create a mandatory position of Barangay Nutrition Worker in every barangay. A salient feature of the bill is the enumerated qualifications of said nutrition workers, requiring them to be at least a high school graduate.

In view of the foregoing considerations, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
CREATING THE POSITION OF BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER IN
EVERY BARANGAY, PROVIDING INCENTIVES THERETO,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1569

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Presidential Decree No. 1569 entitled "Strengthening the
2 Barangay Nutrition Program by providing for a Nutrition Scholar in Every
3 Barangay" is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 "SECTION 1. BARANGAY NUTRITION PROGRAM. To strengthen
5 the Barangay Nutrition Program, there shall be CREATED under the
6 administration and SUPERVISION of the NATIONAL NUTRITION
7 COUNCIL IN COORDINATION WITH THE CITY or MUNICIPALITY and
8 the BARANGAY, ONE (1) MANDATORY POSITION OF BARANGAY
9 NUTRITION WORKER IN EVERY BARANGAY WITH A MONTHLY
10 ALLOWANCE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00).

11 SECTION 2. BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER. The Barangay
12 Nutrition Worker shall be APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR WITH THE
13 CONCURRENCE OF THE MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE
14 SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OR THE SANGGUNIANG Panlungsod, THE
15 SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY CONCERNED AND UPON THE
16 RECOMMENDATION OF THE NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL. The
17 barangay nutrition worker shall be responsible for delivering nutrition
18 services and other related activities such as community health, backyard food
19 production, environmental sanitation, culture, supplemental feeding and
20 family planning to the barangay.

1 SECTION 3. SERVICES. The barangay nutrition worker, while
2 [continuously learning] UNDERGOING ACTUAL TRAINING under this
3 program, shall serve the barangay on a voluntary basis for at least [a period
4 of one year] SIX MONTHS. THEREAFTER, THE NATIONAL NUTRITION
5 COUNCIL SHALL ASSESS HIS/HER PERFORMANCE AND MAKE THE
6 NECESSARY RECOMMENDATION FOR HIS/HER APPOINTMENT.

7 SECTION 4. QUALIFICATION. The qualifications of a Barangay
8 Nutrition Worker shall be as follows:

- 9 a. *Bonafide resident of the barangay for at least one (1) year, with ability to*
10 *speak the dialect, if applicable;*
- 11 b. *Possession of leadership potentials and the initiative and willingness to*
12 *serve the barangay (for at least one year);*
- 13 c. *Willingness to learn and to teach what he/she learned to the barangay*
14 *people;*
- 15 d. *At least a (primary) HIGHSCHOOL graduate;*
- 16 e. *Physical and mental fitness; and*
- 17 f. *At least eighteen (18) years old but not more than sixty (60) years old.*

18 SECTION 5. RECRUITMENT. The barangay nutrition worker shall be
19 recruited from within the barangay and shall be tested on mental ability and
20 proper work attitude.

21 SECTION 6. TRAINING. Before actual barangay service, the barangay
22 nutrition worker shall undergo a ten-day (10) training on selected topics such
23 as nutrition, health, food production and environmental sanitation – based on
24 defined task expectations to be conducted by a provincial training team in
25 coordination with the municipal and barangay nutrition committee. This
26 training shall be supplemented by a twenty-day (20) practicum to be
27 conducted in the barangay where the worker is assigned, and such activity
28 shall be in coordination with the local training team.

29 SECTION 7. BENEFITS. The Barangay Nutrition Worker shall be
30 entitled to a training stipend, meal and travel allowance of at least P250.00 a
31 day. DURING THE PERIOD OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE PRIOR TO
32 HIS/HER APPOINTMENT, THEY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ALLOWANCE
33 OF TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00) A MONTH.

1 The Barangay Nutrition Worker shall be granted a civil service eligibility
2 equivalent to second grade after the completion of at least two (2) years of
3 continuous and satisfactory service in the barangay.

4 SECTION 8. INCENTIVES. TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE
5 PROGRAM, THE NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL, IN
6 COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SHALL
7 FORMULATE A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WHERE INCUMBENT AND
8 DESERVING BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKERS SHALL BE GIVEN THE
9 OPPORTUNITY TO AVAIL OF A SCHOLARSHIP GRANT IN ANY STATE
10 COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY AND PURSUE A COURSE RELEVANT TO
11 HIS/HER PRESENT POSITION.

12 SECTION 9. NUTRITION COMMITTEES. The implementation of this
13 project shall be under the full responsibility of a Provincial/City Nutrition
14 Committee headed by the Governor/City Mayor as Chairman and a
15 Municipal Nutrition Committee headed by the Mayor as Chairman.

16 SECTION 10. LOCAL TRAINING TEAM. The local training team of
17 the municipality shall be composed of two members chosen from among the
18 members of the Municipal Nutrition Committee. This team shall follow up
19 the activities of the trained barangay nutrition worker.

20 SECTION 11. ROLE OF THE MAYOR. The Municipal/City Mayor
21 shall initiate activities to implement this project within the municipality,
22 organize the local training teams and may recommend the appropriation by
23 his municipality/city of a local counterpart in the form of additional
24 allowance for the barangay nutrition worker.

25 SECTION 12. BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKERS STAFF
26 SECRETARIAT. There shall be a staff secretariat in every province/city
27 which shall monitor the progress of the program, identify its problems and
28 recommend possible solutions thereto.

29 SECTION 13. NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL. The National
30 Nutrition Council shall formulate rules and regulations, plans and programs
31 within the limits set forth in this Act, allocate the funds for this project to the
32 various provinces and/or agencies, for disbursement in accordance with the
33 financial plan of the Barangay Nutrition Workers Project.

1 SECTION 14. DONATIONS. For the purposes of this Program, the
2 National Nutrition Council and the local governments, are authorized to
3 receive grants, donations, gifts or bequests from various government
4 agencies, government corporations and private entities, such donation being
5 tax exempt.

6 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATIONS. The amount of One Million Pesos
7 (P1,000,000.00) out of any available funds from the National Treasury or from
8 the Special Activities Fund is hereby appropriated and authorized to be
9 released for the organization and initial operation of the Council and the local
10 governments for the purposes of this program. Local governments are
11 likewise authorized to appropriate such amount necessary for the successful
12 implementation of this program. PROVIDED, THAT THE CITY OR
13 MUNICIPALITY SHALL APPROPRIATE AS PART OF ITS ANNUAL
14 BUDGET FOR PERSONAL SERVICES THE NECESSARY AMOUNT OF
15 ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00) PER MONTH PER BARANGAY
16 NUTRITION WORKER, PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THIRD TO FIFTH
17 CLASS MUNICIPALITIES SHALL APPROPRIATE FIVE HUNDRED PESOS
18 (P500.00) PER MONTH PER BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER.

19 THE DIFFERENCE IN THE FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00)
20 MONTHLY ALLOWANCE PER BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER
21 SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (GAA)
22 FOR THE YEAR FOLLOWING ITS ENACTMENT.

23 **SEC 2. *Separability Clause.*** Should any part or provision of this Act be
24 declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof not otherwise
25 affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

26 **SEC 3. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws, decrees, executive orders or any part
27 thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified
28 accordingly.

29 **SEC 4. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect upon publication in the Official
30 Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

31 Approved,