

SENATE

P.S. Res. No. 4

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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

RESOLUTION

CALLING ON THE SECRETARIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES REGARDING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE GRANT OF BENEFITS TO BARANGAY OFFICIALS

Whereas, Section 393 of the Local Government Code of 1991 enumerates the benefits which the barangay officials are to receive including monthly allowance, Christmas bonus, matriculation fees for their dependent children and medical care;

Whereas, there are allegations from members of the Liga ng mga Barangay that these enumerated benefits have not been received by all the incumbent barangay officials;

Whereas, Title Five, Book II of said Code appropriates the revenue collected from taxes, fees, and other charges due or accruing to the barangay for the provision of said benefits;

Whereas, Republic Act 6942, An Act Increasing the Insurance Benefits of Local Government Officials, has been enacted in 1990 to provide additional remuneration by way of benefits to local officials especially those in the barangay level;

Whereas, Section 6 of the said Act also provides that the government shall "appropriate annually and include in the General Appropriations Act the total annual insurance premiums based on the actual number of local officials";

Whereas, from the supposed annual allocation for said purpose, no amount has apparently been received by the officials of the Barangays;

Whereas, there are apparent manifestations that despite the enactment of the abovementioned laws and the corresponding guidelines thereon, the appropriation of funds for the benefits of barangay officials has not been fully realized;

Whereas, the current economic crisis affects most especially the families of barangays officials, so that the government must address the issues of non-allocation of the mandated benefits to serve as cushion to counter the effects of the economic crisis afflicting them;

Whereas, it is incumbent upon Congress to ensure that barangay officials be afforded adequate remuneration as guaranteed by the Local Government Code of 1991;

Whereas, it is incumbent upon the Department of Interior and Local Government and Department of Budget and Management to undertake efforts to resolve the issues brought up by the Liga ng mga Barangays with regard to funds allocated for benefits to barangay officials;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines, to call on the Secretaries of the Department of Interior and Local Government and Department of Budget and Management to address the issues regarding the appropriation of funds for the grant of mandated benefits to barangay officials.

Adopted,



LOREN LEGARDA
Senator