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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Barangay Tanods are significant members of our barangays. They help in the maintenance of cleanliness, peace and order in the community. It is quite disappointing that their considerable contributions in the betterment of the barangay are often neglected and unrewarded as evident in the lack or complete absence of benefits specifically allocated for them.

In recognition of the above concern, this bill seeks to confer additional benefits to Barangay Tanods to augment their meager salaries, and grant them needed assistance, such as free legal services from government lawyers in responding to cases filed against them in the performance of their duties, and 50% discount on their legitimate and legally adopted children's matriculation fees.

It is the intention of the bill to give the appropriate compensation due our Barangay Tanods as a way of our appreciation for their dedication to our barangays.

Approval of this bill is therefore earnestly sought.

  
**LOREN LEGARDA**  
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AN ACT

UPGRADING THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES OF BARANGAY TANOD BRIGADES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 393 (d) OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

*Be it enacted by 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 7160 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.] AND WHO HAS RENDERED CONTINUOUS SERVICE FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR IN THE BARANGAY SHALL, DURING HIS INCUMBENCY BE ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING:

(I) CHRISTMAS BONUS EQUIVALENT TO AT LEAST ONE HALF (1/2) OF WHAT THE PUNONG BARANGAY IS RECEIVING, AS MANDATED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE;

(II) AN INSURANCE COVERAGE EQUIVALENT TO THREE-FOURTHS (3/4) OF THAT RECEIVED BY THE PUNONG-BARANGAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT SIXTY NINE FORTY TWO (RA 6942) OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT INCREASING THE INSURANCE BENEFITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR";

(III) FREE LEGAL SERVICES FROM GOVERNMENT LAWYERS FOR CRIMINAL AND CIVIL CASES FILED AGAINST HIM, ARISING FROM ACTS COMMITTED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES; PROVIDED, THAT SUCH LEGAL SERVICES SHALL CONTINUE, EVEN AFTER THE TERM OF THE BARANGAY TANOD MEMBER, UNTIL ITS FINAL DISPOSITION;

(IV) FIFTY PERCENT (50%) DISCOUNT IN TUITION AND MATRICULATION FEES FOR HIS LEGITIMATE AND LEGALLY ADOPTED CHILDREN, NOT EXCEEDING FOUR (4), ATTENDING ANY RECOGNIZED STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES;

(V) 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 necessary amount for the implementation if the provisions 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 of the Department of Interior and Local Government.

**SEC 4.** All laws, acts, city or municipal ordinances, executive orders, proclamations and administrative regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed *or* modified accordingly.

**SEC 5.** The Department of Interior and Local Government shall issue the necessary 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,*