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Introduced by Senator JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

Explanatory Note

The job of barangay officials and barangay health workers require them to be on call twenty-four hours a day to respond to the needs of their constituents. They usually find it difficult to find regular jobs due to the nature of their responsibilities and involvement in their respective barangays and communities, or if they get regular jobs, oftentimes these are not enough for them to make a decent living.

Considering the rising costs of living today, the monthly honorarium awarded to our barangay officials and barangay health workers obviously falls below their subsistence requirements. This legislation aims to provide additional honorarium to barangay officials, barangay tanods and barangay health workers. Considering also that since July 2009, government officials and employees' salaries have been increased through the Salary Standardization Law Phase III. The additional honorarium to our barangay officials and barangay health workers should not be far behind.

This bill proposes to provide an additional monthly honorarium of four thousand pesos (P4,000.00) to barangay chairman; three thousand pesos (P3,000.00) to barangay council members, barangay secretary, barangay treasurer, head of the barangay *tanods* and other barangay officials; and two thousand pesos (P2,000.00) to barangay *tanods* and barangay health workers.

The additional honorarium specified in this bill would not be enough in giving our barangay officials and barangay health workers decent living, but in doing so, it is hoped that this will help alleviate the financial difficulties they are now faced with.

Protecting the welfare of our public servants, especially those in the frontline services, should be a primary concern of this government. Their dedication and committed service to our constituencies require no less than the recognition of the vital role they play in maintaining public order, social stability and economic development at the grassroots level.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

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AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL MONTHLY HONORARIUM TO BARANGAY OFFICIALS, BARANGAY TANODS AND BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. There is hereby granted an additional monthly honorarium of four thousand pesos (P4,000.00) to barangay chairman; three thousand pesos (P3,000.00) to barangay council members, barangay secretary, barangay treasurer, head of the barangay tanods and other barangay officials; and two thousand pesos (P2,000.00) to barangay tanods and barangay health workers.

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Section 2. The amount necessary to carry out the provision of Section 1 hereof shall be included in the next General Appropriations Act following the enactment of this law. Thereafter the sums as may be necessary for the purpose shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

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Section 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen days from the date of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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