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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Local Government Code clearly provides the role barangays play in our society. As the basic political unit, the barangay serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community, and as forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled.

Barangay Officials are considered to be the guardians and frontliners in the implementation of policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community. The Barangay Chairman is the only official in the country that performs a tripartite task of being the judiciary, legislative and executive, notwithstanding the help of their Kagawads. The Barangay Health Workers, on the other hand, are considered as the work horses of the Department of Health in its implementation of its policies and programs. As for the Barangay Tanods, they are considered to be the frontliners of the Philippine National Police in its campaign against criminalities while the Lupong Tagapamayapa act as counsel of barangay, which have a goal to settle all issues between and among residents of the community.

These officials receive only meager allowances and honoraria, which are not commensurate to the performance of their duties. In view thereof, it is only appropriate to raise their salaries and extend more benefits.

Therefore, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senator



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**AN ACT
REDEFINING THE COMPOSITION OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND PROVIDING
FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND COMPENSATION FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 387 AND 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7160 KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Section 387 of Republic Act No. 7160 known as the Local Government Code of 1991 is hereby amended by adding paragraph (c) to read as follows

"Section 387 - x x x

(A) x x x

(B) x x x

(C) EACH BARANGAY SHALL HAVE A BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS APPOINTED BY THE PUNONG BARANGAY TO SERVE THE BARANGAY, IN ADDITION TO THE DESIGNATED BARANGAY TANODS."

SEC 2.Section 393 paragraphs (a) and (b) with sub-paragraph (3) of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials. - (a) Barangay Officials AND STAFF, including barangay tanods, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS and members of the lupong tagapamayapa, shall receive honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments as may b authorized by law or barangay, municipal or city ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this Code, but in no case shall it be less than [One thousand pesos (P1,000,00)] EIGHT THOUSAND PESOS(P8,000,00) per month for the punong barangay and [six hundred pesos (P600,00)] SEVEN THOUSAND PESOS (P7,000,00) per month for the sangguniang barangay members, SIX THOUSAND PESOS (P6,000.00) per month for the SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN CHAIRMAN, barangay treasurer and barangay secretary, AND FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000,00) PER MONTH FOR BARANGAY TANOD, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA: *Provided, however,* That the annual

appropriations for personal services shall be subject to the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five, Book II of this Code.

"(b) The punong barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the barangay treasurer, [and the barangay secretary, BARANGAY TANOD, LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, AND THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS shall also:

"X X X

"(3) Be entitled to free medical care including subsistence, medicines, and medical attendance in any government hospital or institution: Provided, That such hospital care shall include surgery or surgical expenses, medicines, X-rays, laboratory fees, and other hospital expenses;

"In case of extreme urgency where there is no available government hospital or institution, the barangay official concerned may submit himself for immediate medical attendance to the nearest private clinic, hospital or institution and the expenses not exceeding [Five thousand pesos (P5, 000.00)] TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10, 000.00) that maybe incurred therein shall be chargeable against the funds of the barangay concerned;

"X X X"

SEC. 3. Any provision of law, decree, executive order, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,