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Senate Bill No. 302

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Local Government Code of 1991 mandated the local government units to discharge functions and responsibilities of national agencies and offices devolved to them, including the provision of basic services at the barangay level such as health care.

In 1995, Republic Act No. 7883 was enacted to boost the local government's efforts with regard to the provision of health care services at the barangay level. The law, recognizing the importance of providing health care services to people in the barangay through the Primary Health Care Approach, granted benefits and incentives to barangay health workers to help fulfill our government's health care objectives.

It has been eight years since the enactment of RA 7883. While its passage has indeed seen improvement in the administration of health services to the grassroots, something may still be done to improve on these gains.

This bill seeks to amend Section 6 of RA 7883, by granting honoraria and travel allowances to barangay health workers to aid in the fulfillment of their duties. This is a small amount that can go a long way in the helping our front-liner workers.

In view of the foregoing premises, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT  
GRANTING FIXED MONTHLY HONORARIA AND TRAVEL ALLOWANCES TO  
BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS  
BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995 AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 SECTION 1. The following paragraphs are hereby inserted after Section 6(e) of  
2 Republic Act No. 7883:

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4 "SEC. 6. Incentives and Benefits.  
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7 "(f) HONORARIA - ALL BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS SHALL BE  
8 ENTITLED TO A MONTHLY HONORARIA OF THREE THOUSAND  
9 PESOS (P3,000.00).

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11 (g) TO AID IN THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR DUTIES, BARANGAY  
12 HEALTH WORKERS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A TRANSPORTATION  
13 ALLOWANCE OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00).  
14 PER MONTH, SUBJECT TO LIQUIDATION."

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16 SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances,  
17 rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified  
18 accordingly.

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20 SECTION 3. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
21 publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.  
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23 Approved,