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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill is being filed to recognize Barangay Officials as government employees with the purpose of including them in the coverage of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS).

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 a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled. However despite this evident importance, the officials of the barangay have not been recognized as government employees, particularly in so far as membership in the GSIS is concerned. By recognizing them as government employees and thus part of the GSIS system, barangay officials will be enjoying insurance coverage and retirement pensions, among other benefits, thereby incentivizing the performance of their functions and exacting efficient and effective results.

Foregoing considered, the approval of this proposed bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1146, AS AMENDED, EXPANDING AND INCREASING THE COVERAGE AND BENEFITS OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM TO INCLUDE ELECTED AND APPOINTED BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 2(i) of Presidential Decree No. 1146, as amended, otherwise known 2 as the "Revised Government Service Insurance Act of 1977", is hereby further amended to read as 3 follows: "(i) Compensation - The basic pay or salary received by an employee, pursuant to his 4 election/appointment, excluding per diems, bonuses, overtime pay, honoraria, allowances and any 5 6 other emoluments received in addition to the basic pay which are not integrated into the basic pay under existing laws. PROVIDED, THAT IN THE CASE OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED 7 BARANGAY OFFICIALS, THEIR COMPENSATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF 8 COMPUTING THEIR CONTRIBUTION AND FOR SUCH OTHER PURPOSES 9 PURSUANT TO THIS ACT, SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT 10 11 OF THE HONORARIA, ALLOWANCES AND SUCH OTHER EMOLUMENTS AS MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY LAW OR BARANGAY, MUNICIPAL OR CITY ORDINANCE IN 12 ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS 13 AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991." 14

- 1 SECTION 2. Section 3 of Presidential Decree No. 1146, as amended, is hereby further
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "B. MEMBERSHIP IN THE GSIS
- 4 SECTION 3. Compulsory Membership. Membership in the GSIS shall be compulsory for all
- 5 employees receiving compensation who have not reached the compulsory retirement age,
- 6 irrespective of employment status, INCLUDING ELECTED AND APPOINTED BARANGAY
- 7 OFFICIALS BUT EXCLUDING [except] members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and
- 8 the Philippine National Police, subject to the condition that they must settle first their financial
- 9 obligation with the GSIS, and contractuals who have no employer and employee relationship with
- 10 the agencies they serve."
- Except for the members of the judiciary and constitutional commissions who shall have life
- insurance only, all members of the GSIS shall have life insurance, retirement, and all other social
- 13 security protection such as disability, survivorship, separation, and unemployment benefits."
- SECTION 3. The GSIS, in consultation and coordination with the Department of Interior and
- 15 Local Government (DILG) and the league representing barangay captains and officials, shall issue
- 16 the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act. The rules and
- 17 regulations shall cover the rate of premiums and the manner of its payment, the extent of insurance
- 18 coverage, the contributions to be collected from barangay officials concerned and the possible
- 19 contributions of provinces, cities and municipalities thereto.
- SECTION 4. Any other provision of law, decree, order or regulations inconsistent with the
- 21 provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- 22 Approved,