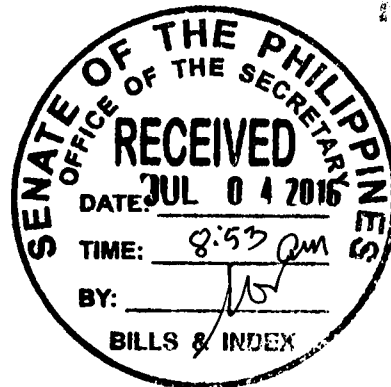


SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC }
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SENATE
S.B. No. 255



Introduced by **SENATOR LACSON**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Unknown to many, the maintenance of local peace and order and the promotion of public safety in every nook and corner of our society rests primarily not with the local police, but rather, with a handful of men roaming each and every barangay in the country particularly at night, the Barangay Tanods. These men composed mainly of civilian volunteers, are armed not with a gun but with night sticks, are walking in groups of four (4) to six (6) men instead of riding in patrol cars in protecting their respective areas of jurisdiction and responding to the call of anyone when the need for it arises.

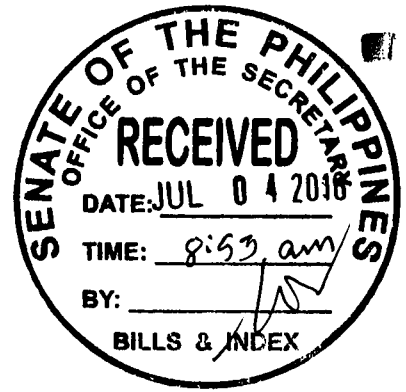
Through the years, the plight of these Barangay Tanods are often neglected. Although they are given some benefits for the task they perform, it is a fact that such benefits are not commensurate with the risk they are encountering while they are on duty. Thus, this proposed measure seeks to remedy the sad plight of our Barangay Tanods.

The proposed legislative measure seeks to increase the benefits presently received by our Barangay Tanods like Christmas Bonus equivalent to one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of what the present Punong Barangay is receiving; insurance coverage equivalent to three-fourth ($\frac{3}{4}$) of what the Punong Barangay is receiving; free legal services from government lawyers for criminal or civil cases filed against them in the performance of their duties; fifty percent (50%) discount in tuition and matriculation fees for his legitimate and legally adopted children attending any state colleges and universities; and preference in the availment of and or membership in barangay livelihood and development projects.

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


PANFILO M. LACSON
Senator

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**AN ACT
UPGRADING THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES OF
BARANGAY TANOD MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENDERED AT
LEAST ONE YEAR OF SERVICE IN THE BARANGAY
GOVERNMENT**

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

1 SECTION 1. The State recognizes the “Barangay Tanod”, duly
2 created under the provision of the Local Government Code, as an
3 indispensable instrument in barangay government, particularly in the
4 latter's role in the maintenance and protection of peace and security
5 and the promotion of public safety within the barangay.

6 SECTION 2. As used herein, a Barangay Tanod, means a brigade
7 or body composed of civilian volunteers, duly created at the barangay
8 level, to assist the barangay officials in the effective exercises of law
9 enforcement for the maintenance of peace and order and the promotion
10 of public safety.

11 Barangay Tanod members refer to civilian volunteers, duly
12 appointed by the Sangguniang Barangay, irrespective of the number
13 thereof.

14 SECTION 3. Without in any way diminishing the benefits and
15 privileges already granted by the Local Government and other related

1 laws, a member of the Barangay Tanod who has rendered continuous
2 service for at least one (1) year in any barangay shall, during his
3 incumbency, be entitled to the following:

4 (a) Christmas bonus equivalent to at least one half (1/2) of what
5 the Punong Barangay is receiving, as mandated by law or
6 ordinance;

7 (b) An insurance coverage equivalent to three-fourths (3/4) of
8 that received by the Punong Barangay, in accordance with
9 Republic Act Sixty-Nine Forty-Two (RA 6942) otherwise
10 known as "An Act Increasing the Insurance Benefits Of
11 Local Government Officials and Providing Funds Therefor"
12 or the amount provided for under Section 393 (d) of the
13 Local Government Code, whichever is higher;

14 (c) Free legal services from government lawyers for criminal
15 and civil cases filed against him, arising from acts
16 committed in the performance of his duties. Provided, that
17 such legal services shall continue, even after the term of the
18 Barangay Tanod member as long as the subject of the cases
19 filed against him arises from acts committed in the
20 performance of his duties;

21 (d) Fifty (50%) percent discount in tuition and matriculation
22 fees for his legitimate or legally adopted children attending
23 any recognized state colleges and universities. Provided that
24 his legitimate or legally adopted children can continue to
25 avail of this educational benefit even if he no longer serve

1 as a barangay tanod for at least two (2) years and was not
2 removed for cause as provided in Section 5 hereof; and

3 (e) Preference in the availment of and/or membership in
4 barangay livelihood and development projects, whether
5 initiated by the National Government or the local
6 government units (LGUs).

7 SECTION 4. A Barangay Tanod member who is yet to render
8 service as such, to any barangay for a period of one (1) year shall
9 receive the benefits and privileges as mandated by the Local
10 Government Code.

11 SECTION 5. A Barangay Tanod, once appointed, shall not be
12 removed as such nor his services be terminated, except for causes
13 enumerated by the barangay resolution creating the Barangay Tanod,
14 which shall take into consideration the integrity, responsibility and
15 accountability in barangay service of the barangay tanod concerned.
16 The decision to remove a Barangay Tanod for cause shall rest upon the
17 decision of the Sangguniang Barangay concerned.

18 SECTION 6. Such sums, as may be necessary for the
19 implementation of the provision of this Act, are hereby authorized to
20 be appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not
21 otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, the amount needed to implement
22 this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the Department of
23 Interior and Local Government (DILG) under the General
24 Appropriations Act (GAA).

25 SECTION 7. All general and special laws, acts, city or
26 municipal ordinances, executive orders, proclamations and

1 administrative regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with
2 any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
3 accordingly.

4 SECTION 8. The Department of Interior and Local Government
5 shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

6 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen days after the
7 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two
8 (2) newspaper of general circulation.

9 *Approved,*