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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Barangay captains have become more active in local community governance and public service, taking on more varied responsibilities such as arbitrating differences among community members, assisting in the conduct of elections, organizing foot patrols, and more recently, assisting with the evacuation of communities in disasters such as natural calamity and war. Several barangay captains have already lost their lives in the service of their communities.

Recognizing this, Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada proposed a bill during the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress that seeks to provide additional benefits to barangay captains over and above what they currently receive under the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS). Since barangay captains assume their responsibilities will little compensation, the dangers associated with their functions puts them at higher risk in terms of insurance coverage.

As a form of incentive to recognize their contributions to the communities in which they serve and as an encouragement for them to continue their public service, adoption of this bill is earnestly requested.

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

1	Section 1. Short Title This Act shall be known as the "Additional Barangay
2	Captains' Insurance Act".
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4	Section 2. Additional Insurance Benefits for Barangay Captains In addition to
5	the insurance benefits given to the Barangay Captains by the Government Service
6	Insurance System (GSIS) under Republic Act No. 8291, term insurance coverage to all
7	barangay captains providing the following benefits shall be granted;
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9	(1) Death Benefits P200,000.00
10	(a) due to assassinations or ambush
11	(b) due to accidents and other similar circumstances
12	while in the discharge of their official functions
13	(2) Attempted assassinations not resulting
14	in death but resulting in serious physical injury 50,000.00
15	(3) Burial Expenses 50,000.00
16	(4) Reimbursement of Actual Medical
17	Expenses not to exceed 100,000.00
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19	The aforestated written permission or waiver shall be submitted within thirty
20	(30) days from the date of their assumption of office; Provided, however, that public
21	officials and employees who are already exercising the functions of their respective
22	offices upon the effectivity of this Act shall submit the same not later than thirty (30)
23	days from the effectivity of the Rules and Regulations implementing the provisions of
24	this Act.
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26	Section 3. Disqualification from Benefits No benefit shall be given to any
27	barangay captain or his beneficiaries when the injury, sickness or death was occasioned
28	or caused by any of the following:
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30	(a) habitual drunkenness or intoxication;
31	(b) willful intention to injure or kill oneself;
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32 (c) notorious negligence; or

- (d) unauthorized absence or abandonment of office for at least one (1) month
  prior to death or accident
- 4 **Section 4.** *Actuarial Study.* The GSIS shall, within sixty (60) days from the 5 effectivity of this Act, conduct an actuarial study to determine the premiums to be paid 6 corresponding to the benefits to be received by the barangay captains in accordance 7 with the schedule provided for in section 2.
- 9 Section 5. *Appropriations.* The National Government shall appropriate 10 annually and include in the General Appropriations Act an amount corresponding to 11 the total annual insurance premiums of the barangay captains based on the actuarial 12 study under Section 4 hereof.
- Section 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The GSIS, in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.
- Section 7. Separability Clause. If for any reason any provision or section of this
  Act is declared unconstitutional, such portions not affected thereby shall remain in full
  force and effect.
- Section 8. *Repealing Clause*. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
  regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
  accordingly.
- Section 9 *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
  complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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