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EXPLANATORY NOTE

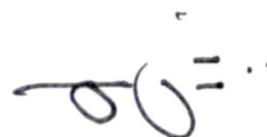
The national health policy of our country is clearly articulated in Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution in this wise: "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost." By virtue of Section 17 of Title I of the 1991 Local Government Code, the delivery of basic services and facilities such as health and social welfare services were devolved to the local government units down to the barangay level. Thus, the barangay health centers and daycare centers are maintained with the help of barangay health workers who voluntarily render primary health care services to the community.

It is, however, ironic that while barangay health workers are the front-liners in providing health care services to the community, there is no existing mechanisms to secure that all barangays are equipped with the services of their own barangay health worker. This bill seeks to remedy this situation.

This proposed measure mandates the appointment of at least 1 barangay health worker in each and every barangay. The municipal or city mayor shall appoint the barangay health worker, after proper accreditation with the local

health board. Further, the barangay health worker shall be entitled to allowances and such other benefits accorded to other appointed barangay officials. More importantly, security of tenure of barangay health workers is expressly provided and recognized by the proposed measure. The passage of this proposed measure will strengthen the capacity of barangays to deliver basic health services to the community at the same time affording the barangay health workers their well-deserved entitlements and benefits.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JOSEPH VICTOR EJERCITO', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**JOSEPH VICTOR EJERCITO**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** Short Title.- This Act shall be known as the "*Barangay Health*  
2 *Workers Act of 2017*"

3           **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy-** Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 11 of  
4 the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the State hereby declares the policy of according  
5 utmost importance to the health needs of the nation and shall henceforth  
6 endeavour to make essential goods, health and other social services available to  
7 all the people at affordable cost. Toward this end, the State shall ensure that  
8 accessible and quality health services are extended to each individual through the  
9 barangay health workers as the primary channel for implementing the State's  
10 health policies down to the barangay health needs, the State shall guarantee the  
11 appointment of a health worker in every barangay as frontline health workers.

12           **SECTION 3. Coverage-** The provisions of this Act shall be applicable to all  
13 barangay health workers accredited to act as such by the local health board in  
14 accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Health (DPH). For the

1 purposes of this Act, the term barangay health worker shall refer to a person who  
2 has undergone training program under any accredited government or non-  
3 government organization primarily to render health care services.

4 **SECTION 4.** Section 387 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the  
5 Local Government Code of 1991 as amended, shall be further amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 "Section 387. Chief Officials and Officers.- (a) There shall be in each  
8 barangay a punong barangay, seven (7) sangguniang barangay members, the  
9 sangguniang kabataan chairman, a barangay secretary, [and] a barangay  
10 treasurer, AND AT LEAST FIVE (5) BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS  
11 PROVIDED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS  
12 PER BARANGAY SHALL IN NO CASE BE MORE THAN 1% OF THE  
13 BARANGAY'S TOTAL POPULATION."

14 **SECTION 5.** A new provision shall be inserted between Sections 395 and  
15 396 of the same Act to be denominated as Section 395-A, which shall read as  
16 follows:

17 "SECTION 395-A. APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS OF  
18 BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS- THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER AS  
19 ACCREDITED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL OR CITY  
20 HEALTH BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC  
21 ACT NO. 7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY HEALTH  
22 WORKERS AND BENEFITS ACT OF 1995, SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE  
23 MUNICIPAL OR CITY MAYOR OF THE AREA WHERE SUCH BARANGAY  
24 HEALTH WORKER WILL BE APPOINTED IS LOCATED. A BARANGAY  
25 HEALTH WORKERS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ALLOWANCES AND SUCH  
26 OTHER BENEFITS TO WHICH OTHER APPOINTED BARANGAY OFFICIALS  
27 MAY BE ENTITLED TO NO PERSON DULY APPOINTED AS A BARANGAY  
28 HEALTH WORKER SHALL BE REMOVED EXCEPT FOR VALID CAUSE AS  
29 PROVIDED UNDER EXISTING CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS  
30 AND ONLY AFTER DUE NOTICE AND HEARING"

31 **SECTION 6.** Section 393, paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Local Government  
32 Code of the Philippines, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

1           “Section 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials.-

2   (a) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the lupong  
3 tagapamayapa, shall receive honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments  
4 as may be authorized by law or barangay, municipal. Or city ordinance in  
5 accordance with the provisions of this code, but in no case shall it be less than One  
6 Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) per month for the punong barangay and Six Hundred  
7 Pesos (P600.00) per month for the sangguniang barangay members, barangay  
8 treasurer, [and] barangay secretary AND BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS:  
9 Provided, however that the annual appropriations for personal services shall be  
10 subject to the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five, Book II of this  
11 Code; PROVIDED FURTHERMORE, THAT THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THIS  
12 CODE SHALL BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE APPLICATION OF AND  
13 ENTITLEMENT TO OTHER INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS FOR BARANGAY  
14 OFFICIALS AS MAY BE PROVIDED BY LAW SUCH AS REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
15 6942 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
16 BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT.

17   (b) The punong barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the barangay  
18 treasurer, [and] the barangay secretary AND THE BARANGAY HEALTH  
19 WORKER shall also: xxx

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21           **SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.-** The Department of  
22 Interior and Local Government, in coordination with the and the Civil Service  
23 Commission, shall within ninety (90) days from the enactment of this Act,  
24 promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the implementations of this  
25 Act.

26           **SECTION 8. Separability Clause-** If, for any reason, any provision of this  
27 Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not  
28 affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

29           **SECTION 9. Repealing Clause-** All laws, decrees, executive orders,  
30 proclamations and administrative regulations or parts thereof inconsistent  
31 herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

1           **SECTION 10. Effectivity Clause-** This Act shall take effect immediately  
2 after its publication in at least two national newspapers of general circulation.

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