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**AN ACT AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7160,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, TO
FURTHER EXPAND THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS TO
INCLUDE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to Republic Act No. 7883 ("R.A. 7883") otherwise known as Barangay Health Workers' Benefits and Incentives Act of 1995, Barangay Health Workers refers to a person who has undergone training programs under any accredited government and non-government organization and who voluntarily renders primarily health care services in the community after having been accredited to function as such by the local health board in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the Department of Health (DOH).

R.A. 7883 also states that all accredited and active barangay health workers who regularly perform their duties are entitled to hazard allowance, subsistence allowance, civil service eligibility, free legal services and preferential access to loan.

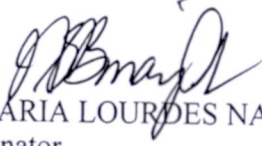
They are considered as guardians of the nation's health because they assist physicians, dentists, nutritionists, public health nurses and midwives in localities with people that do not normally have proper medical attention.

The course of the duties and responsibilities of barangay health workers, they are undoubtedly exposed to different threats to their well-being particularly their health, which in turn may cause illness that would eventually lead to hospitalization.

Bearing in mind the high cost of hospitalization, we must grant additional benefits and incentives for barangay health workers who valiantly volunteer and expose themselves to perils for meager allowances.

Considering their significant contributions, it is only appropriate to expand the benefits and incentives granted to Barangay Health Workers to ease them of their economic burden caused by a meager allowance. The expansion of benefits and incentives provided under this bill thus, seeks to help improve the plight of Barangay Health Workers.

In view of the foregoing, the swift passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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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 2018”
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4 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
5 adopt measures to ensure the welfare of Barangay Health Workers. Towards this end,
6 the State shall expand the benefits and incentives of Barangay Officials to include
7 Barangay Health Workers.
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9 **SECTION 3.** Section 393, paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Local Government Code of
10 the Philippines, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:
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12 Section 393, paragraphs (a) and (b) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise
13 known as the Local Government Code of 1991 as amended, shall be further
14 amended to read as follows:
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16 “Section 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials – (a) Barangay officials,
17 including barangay tanods and members of the lupong tagapamayapa, shall
18 receive honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments as may be
19 authorized by law or barangay, municipal, or city ordinance in accordance
20 with the provisions of this code, but in no case shall it be less than One
21 Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) per month for the punong barangay and Six
22 Hundred (P600.00) per month for the sangguniang barangay members,
23 barangay treasurer, [and] barangay secretary AND BARANGAY HEALTH
24 WORKERS:

25 Provided, however that the annual appropriations for personal services shall be
26 subject to the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five, Book II of this
27 Code; PROVIDED FURTHERMORE, THAT THE BENEFITS PROVIDED
28 BY THIS CODE SHALL BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE
29 APPLICATION OF AND ENTITLEMENT TO OTHER INCENTIVES AND
30 BENEFITS FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS AS MAY BE PROVIDED BY

1 LAW SUCH AS REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6942 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO.
2 7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS
3 BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT.
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5 “(b) The punong barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the barangay
6 treasurer, [and] the barangay secretary AND THE BARANGAY HEALTH
7 WORKER shall also:
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9 “X x x”

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11 **SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Department of Interior and
12 Local Government, in coordination with the Civil Service Commission, shall within
13 ninety (90) days from the enactment of this Act, promulgate the rules and regulations
14 necessary for the implementation of this Act.
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16 **SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is
17 declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected
18 thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.
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20 **SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations
21 and administrative regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby
22 repealed or modified accordingly.
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24 **SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect immediately after its
25 publication in at least two national newspapers of general circulation.
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27 *Approved,*