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Introduced by **SENATOR LACSON**

AN ACT
GRANTING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO BARANGAY
CHAIRMEN, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ITS
PREMIUMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State recognizes the role of *punong barangay* or barangay chairmen as the chief executive of the Barangay government mandated to exercise efficient, effective and economical governance and maintain peace and order for the general welfare of its barangay constituents.

Inherent to the roles of *punong barangay* are to keep peace by organizing foot patrols, arbitrate in differences between community members, assist in the conduct of elections, and facilitate the evacuation of communities in disaster-hit areas brought by natural and man-made calamities.

In the conduct of these functions, especially during emergencies and calamities, barangay chief executives are the front-liners, putting their lives at risk in the service of their respective constituents.

However, the State recognizes that the mandated duties of the barangay chairmen are not commensurate to their meager honoraria, allowances and other emoluments. Similarly, barangay chief executives are not entitled with hazard duty pay.

The associated risks of their functions also place higher premium to their insurance coverage. Most importantly, the present insurance benefits provided to all government officials, including all *punong barangay*, pursuant to Republic Act. No. 8291 (An Act Amending Presidential Decree 1146 as amended, expanding and increasing the coverage and benefits of Government Services and Insurance System (GSIS), instituting reforms therein, and for other purposes) is construed inadequate with regard to the payment of medical, death and burial expenses.

Hence, this bill seeks to provide additional insurance benefits to barangay chief executives over and above what they are currently receiving from GSIS in recognition of their contribution to the community and in advancing their welfare as public servants.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


PANFILO M. LACSON
Senator

1 **SEC. 4. Actuarial Study.** - The GSIS shall, within sixty (60) days from the
2 effectivity of this Act, conduct an actuarial study to determine the premiums to be
3 paid corresponding to the benefits to be granted to barangay captains in accordance
4 with the schedule provided in Section 2.

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6 **SEC. 5. Appropriation.** - The National Government shall appropriate annually
7 and include in the General Appropriations Act an amount corresponding to the total
8 annual insurance premiums of the barangay captains based on the actuarial study
9 under Section 4 hereof.

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11 **SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The GSIS, in coordination
12 with the Department of Interior and Local Government, shall promulgate the rules
13 and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

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15 **SEC. 7. Separability Clause.** - If for any reason any provision or section of
16 this Act is declared unconstitutional, such portions not affected thereby shall remain
17 in full force and effect.

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19 **SEC. 8. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
20 regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or
21 modified accordingly.

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23 **SEC. 9. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
24 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of
25 general circulation.

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