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EXPLANATORY NOTE

From its incorporation into the local government units, barangay captains have become more active in community governance and public service. Through various enactments, barangay captains have been obliged to take various responsibilities which includes, among others, keeping the peace through the organization of foot patrols; arbitrating differences between community members; assisting in the conduct of elections, and most recently, assisting in the evacuation of communities in disaster areas caused by natural calamity or war.

In these instances, it is not uncommon for barangay captains to literally be in the front of a firing line. As in fact, several barangay captains have lost their lives in the service of their communities against criminals.

Most often, barangay captains assume these responsibilities with little compensation. Moreover, the danger associated with these functions puts them in a higher risk in terms of insurance coverage. More importantly, the present insurance coverage pursuant to Republic Act No. 8291 (An Act amending PD1146 as amended, expanding and increasing the coverage and benefits of GSIS, instituting reforms therein, and for other purposes), covering all government officials is inadequate with regard to the payment of medical, death and burial expenses.

Hence, this bill seeks to provide additional insurance benefits to barangay captains over and above what they are currently receiving under the GSIS in recognition of their contribution to the community and as an encouragement for them to honestly continue their public service.

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


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

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

SECTION 1. **Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Additional Barangay Captains' Insurance Act of 2007"

SEC. 2. **Additional Insurance Benefits for Barangay Captains.** - In addition to the insurance benefits given to the Barangay Captains by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) under Republic Act No. 8291, term insurance coverage to all barangay captains providing the following benefits shall be granted;

(1) Death Benefits	P200,000.00
(a) due to assassinations or ambush	
(b) due to accidents and other similar circumstances while in the discharge of their official functions	
(2) Attempted assassinations not resulting in death but resulting in serious physical injury	50,000.00
(3) Burial Expenses	50,000.00
(4) Reimbursement of Actual Medical Expenses not to exceed	100,000.00

SEC. 3. **Disqualification from Benefits.** - No benefit shall be given to any barangay captain or his beneficiaries when the injury, sickness or death was occasioned or caused by any of the following:

- (a) habitual drunkenness or intoxication;
- (b) willful intention to injure or kill oneself;
- (c) notorious negligence; or
- (d) unauthorized absence or abandonment of office for at least one (1) month prior to death or accident

SEC. 4. **Actuarial Study.** - The GSIS shall, within sixty (60) days from the

effectivity of this Act, conduct an actuarial study to determine the premiums to be paid corresponding to the benefits to be received by the barangay captains in accordance with the schedule provided for in section 2.

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

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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.

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

SEC. 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,