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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the implementation of government policies, plans and programs, the Barangay, as the basic political unit of the country, plays a very significant role. It serves as the frontline of the government's initiatives for national development at the grassroots level.

The Barangay Captain, as Executive Officer, implements developmental projects of the government. Over time, the Barangay had evolved as a critical factor in the implementation and success of the government's law enforcement agenda. In the performance of his functions, Barangay Captains inevitably cross paths with criminals. It comes with the territory. It is a fact that a good number of Barangay Captains and their families have become the victims of vengeance and retaliation.

This bill attempts to provide supplemental benefits to Barangay Captains for death, injuries and sickness that they will sustain in the conduct of their official duties and functions. The measure goes beyond rhetorical appreciation and provides a certain level of comfort for the difficult work they perform and all the attendant risks that they are exposed to. For these reasons, it is but fitting that Barangay Captains should be given refuge in the law.

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


EDGARDO J. ANGARA
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AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO
BARANGAY CAPTAINS, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT
OF PREMIUMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*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
2 "Expanded Barangay Captains' Insurance Act of 2007"

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4 SECTION 2. *Supplemental Insurance Benefits for Barangay*
5 *Captains.* - In addition to the insurance benefits being extended to
6 Barangay Captains by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS)
7 under Republic Act No. 8291, a term insurance coverage to all Barangay
8 Captains providing the following benefits shall be granted:

- 9 1) Death benefit in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos
10 (P250,000.00) caused by assassination, accident and other similar
11 circumstances while in the conduct of their official duties and
12 functions, or have direct relation thereto;
13 2) Burial expenses in an amount not exceeding Fifty Thousand Pesos
14 (P50,000.00);
15 3) Entitlement to reimbursement for actual medical expenses in an
16 amount not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00)
17 for injuries sustained from attempted assassinations, accidents and
18 other similar circumstances while in the performance of their
19 official duties and functions.

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21 SECTION 3. *Grounds for Disqualification.* - The Barangay
22 Captain or his beneficiaries shall not be entitled to claim for the foregoing
23 benefits when the injury, sickness or death was occasioned or caused by the
24 following:

- 1 a) Gross negligence on the part of the Barangay Captain;
- 2 b) Willful intention to injure or kill oneself;
- 3 c) Habitual drunkenness or intoxication;
- 4 d) Unauthorized absence or abandonment of office for at least one (1)
- 5 month prior to the injury, sickness or death;
- 6 e) Such analogous grounds and circumstances.

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8 **SECTION 4. *Presumption*** - For purposes of this Act, it is *prima facie*
9 presumed that the death, injury or sickness sustained by a Barangay Captain
10 is work related.

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12 **SECTION 5. *Actuarial Study***. - Within ninety (90) days from the
13 effectivity of this Act, the GSIS shall prepare an actuarial plan in order to
14 determine the premiums to be paid corresponding to the benefits to be
15 received by the barangay captains in accordance with the provisions of
16 Section 2 hereof.

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18 **SECTION 6. *Appropriation***. - The amount corresponding to the total
19 annual insurance premiums computed on the basis of the actuarial study
20 mandated under Section 4 hereof shall be included in the General
21 Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law. Thereafter,
22 the expenses for its continued implementation shall be included in the
23 subsequent General Appropriations Act.

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25 **SECTION 7. *Separability Clause***. -- If any provision of this Act is
26 held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the remainder
27 thereof.

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29 **SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause***. --- All laws, presidential decrees,
30 executive orders, rules and regulations, and part thereof, which are
31 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified
32 accordingly.

1 **SECTION 9. *Effectivity.*** --- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
2 after publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general
3 circulations.

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5 *Approved,*