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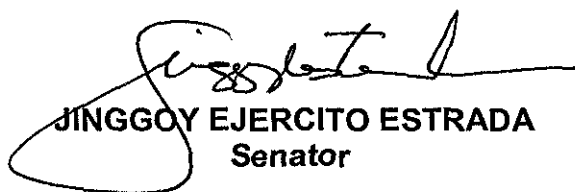
Section 389 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, gives the Punong Barangay duties similar to those of their mayors or governors. The Punong Barangay is the local chief executive exercising the basic duty of executing laws and ordinances applicable in the barangay. He likewise exercises legislative powers by presiding over the sessions of the Sangguniang Barangay in the consideration and passage of barangay ordinances. Lastly, he participates in the settling of disputes, by being the chairman of the Lupong Tagapamayapa.

However, despite the copious amount of duties that the Punong Barangay has to perform, the salary that he receives would seem inadequate, not commensurate and inappropriate for such a position.

The barangays and its officers play a very important role in our society. It is but logical and apt that they be compensated accordingly so as to reflect our recognition not only of their duties but also of their importance in local governance in particular and in society in general.

It is hereby the aim of this bill, in the spirit of justice and promoting good governance, to afford just remuneration to our barangay officials and this provide more incentives to fuel their passion in public service as well as to entice other young people to take up such office in the future.

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




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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AMENDING
SEC. 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

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

SECTION 1. Salary of the Punong Barangay. - The Punong Barangay of all barangays shall receive the following monthly salary in accordance with their respective salary grades in Republic Act No. 6758, as amended, otherwise known as the Salary Standardization Law based on the following classification:

- (A) Barangays in Municipalities with the corresponding populations of:
- (1) Less than two thousand (2,000) persons - Salary Grade 10
 - (2) Two thousand (2,000) or more but less than five thousand (5,000) persons - Salary Grade 14
 - (3) Five thousand (5,000) or more - Salary Grade 17
- (B) Barangays in Cities, both component and highly urbanized, with populations of:
- (1) Less than two thousand (2,000) persons - Salary Grade 12
 - (2) Two thousand (2,000) or more but less than five thousand (5,000) persons - Salary Grade 17
 - (3) Five thousand (5,000) or more but less than ten thousand (10,000) persons - Salary Grade 17
 - (4) Ten thousand (10,000) or more but less than twenty-five thousand (25,000) persons - Salary Grade 21
 - (5) Twenty-five thousand (25,000) or more persons - Salary Grade 23

SEC. 2. Allowances for the Punong Barangay. - Punong Barangays may, by a validity passed Ordinance by the Sangguniang Barangay, be entitled to allowances over and above their salaries.

SEC 3. Other Benefits for the Punong Barangay. - Being a salaried employee of the Government, Punong Barangays shall be eligible for membership in the Government Service and Insurance System (GSIS), and be entitled to all the benefits the System provides, such as:

(1) Retirement Benefits;

(2) Loan Privileges such as salary, policy and emergency loans, Bahay KO (My House) Housing Program, and Socialized/Special housing loans, as well as pension loans for retired members;

(3) Life Insurance along with all the rides such as but not limited to maturity, dividends, accidental death, total disability, and funeral benefits;

(4) Additional Social Security Benefits such as the Carer's Allowance, Christmas Cash Bonus-Gift, Anniversary Benefit, and Burial Benefit; and

(5) Eligibility to other programs the GSIS would provide such as college scholarships and quarterly raffle for pensioners.

SEC. 4. *Salaries of Members of the Sangguniang Barangay.* - Members of the Sangguniang Barangay, otherwise known as the "Kagawads", shall be entitled to salaries three (3) salary grades lower than the Punong Barangay.

SEC. 5. *Per Diems of other Barangay Officials.* - Other Barangay Officials, as provided for in Sec. 387 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", such as the Barangay Treasurer, Barangay Secretary, and the Sangguniang Kabataan Chairman, may be entitled to Honorariums and Allowances commensurate to the size of the barangay as provided for in municipal ordinances of Their respective municipalities.

SEC. 6. *Source of Funds.* - From the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of each province of Highly Urbanized and Contiguous City, as the case may be, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall deduct the amount required for the implementation of this Act. The funds so allotted shall be remitted by the DBM directly to all the corresponding Barangay Treasurers.

SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* - If for any reason, any section or provision of the Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected and thereby remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,