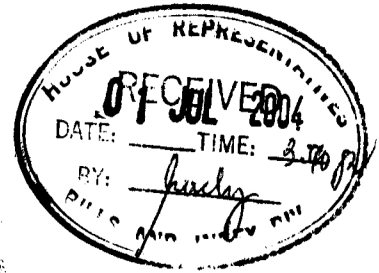


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HOUSE BILL NO.: 424

Introduced By: **HONORABLE JOSE CARLOS V. LACSON**

Explanatory Note

This bill seeks to create a new appointive barangay position to be known as the Barangay Population Worker, amending for the purpose, the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended.

The State recognizes that there exists interdependence between population, development, and environment. The Philippines in fact, is now rated as being on of the highest in population density among developing countries. A large and rapidly growing population place enormous pressures on cities, on land and on the forests. Without enough opportunities for human development, a large population stands as an impediment to a more productive economy.

The creation of the office of Barangay Population worker will strengthen the government's capacity to seek new information on population concerns. The Barangay Population Worker shall be tasked to conduct studies on reproductive technologies currently in use, and collect, analyze, and disseminate basic data on population principles and development. With this, a factual basis for understanding the interrelationship of population, socio-economic and environmental variable is established.

The government must be productive in educating society about family planning and in making the people aware of the problems that beset most of country's large families.

A population worker can thus provide such service. Hence, a new section creating an appointive barangay position to be known as Barangay Population Worker should be inserted in the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended.

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

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AN ACT CREATING THE POSITION OF BARANGAY POPULATION WORKER, GRANTING BENEFITS THERETO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, "AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Section 387 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Cod of 1991,"as amended, shall be further amended, to read as follow:

SEC. 387- **Chief Officials and Offices.** (A) There shall be in each barangay a punong barangay, seven (7) sangguniang barangay members, the sangguniang kabataan chairman, a barangay secretary, and a barangay treasurer and the **BARANGAY POPULATION WORKER**.

SECTION 2. Section 389, paragraph (5) of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follow:

SEC. 389- **Chief Executive: Powers, Duties, and Functions.**

(5) Upon approval by a majority of all the members of the sangguniang barangay, appoint or replace the barangay treasurer, the barangay secretary, The **BARANGAY POPULATION WORKER**, and other appointive barangay officials;

SECTION 3. A new provision shall be inserted between Sections 395 and 396 of the same act to be denominated as Sec. 395-A and whnich shall read as follows:

SEC. 395-A- **BARANGAY POPULATION WORKER: APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES.**

(A) THE **BARANGAY POPULATION WORKER** SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PUNONG BARANGAY WITH THE COCURRENCE OF THE MAJORITY OF ALL THE SANGGUNIAN BARANGAY MEMBERS. THE APPOINTMENT BY THE **BARANGAY POPULATION WORKER** SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ATTESTATION BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

(B) THE **BARANGAY POPULATION WORKERS** SHALL BE LEGAL AGE, A QUALIFIED VOTER, AND ACTUAL RESIDENT OF THE BARANGAY CONCERNED.

(C) NO PERSON SHALL BE APPOINTED **BARANGAY POPULATION WORKER** IF HE IS A SANGGUNIAN BARANGAY MEMBER, A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE, OR A RELATIVE OF THE PUNONG

BARANGAY WITHIN THE FOURTH CIVIL DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY OR AFFINITY.

(D) THE BARANGAY POPULATION WORKER SHALL:

- (1). FORMULATE MEASURES DESIGNED TO ENSURE THE DELIVERY OF BASIC SERVICES AND PROVISION OF ADEQUATE FACILITIES RELATIVE TO THE INTEGRATION OF POPULATION DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES AND IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO SAID SERVICES AND FACILITIES;
- (2). DEVELOP PLANS AND STRATEGIES AND IMPLEMENT THE SAME, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH HAVE TO DO WITH THE INTEGRATION OF POPULATION DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES AND METHODS IN PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS;
- (3). IMPLEMENT THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO POPULATION DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROMOTION OF RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD TO POLICY MAKERS, IMPLEMENTORS, BENEFICIARIES AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE AND TO CONDUCT TRAININGS FOR THEM;
- (4). ORGANIZE THE POPULATION COMMITTEE FOR THE BARANGAY TASKED TO FORMULATE MEASURES NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE BARANGAY POPULATION OFFICES.
- (5). ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN UPDATED DATA BANK FOR PROGRAM OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM TO ENSURE THE PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN, AND UNDERSTANDING OF POPULATION DEVELOPMENT;
- (6). DEVELOP AND MANAGE SPECIAL PROJECTS ON POPULATION CONCERNS AS THE NEED ARISES; AND
- (7). EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE."

SECTION 4. Section 393, paragraphs (a) and (b) of the same Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

SEC. 393- benefits of Barangay Officials

- (A) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the lupon tagapamayapa, shall receive honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments as may be authorized by law or barangay, municipal or city ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this Code, but in no case shall it be less than One Thousand Pesos (P1, 000.00) per month for the punong barangay and Six Hundred Pesos (P600.00) per month for the sangguniang barangay members, barangay treasurer, [and] a barangay secretary and BARANGAY POPULATION WORKER: *Provided, however,* That the annual appropriations for personal services shall be subject to the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five, Book II of this Code.
- (B) The punong barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the barangay treasurer, [and] the barangay secretary and the BARANGAY POPULATION WORKER shall also:
 - (1). Be entitled to Christmas bonus of at least One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) each, the funds for which shall be taken from the general fund of

the barangay or from such other funds appropriated by the National Government for the purposes;

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SECTION 5. The Department of Interior and Local Government shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Interior and Local Government under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the city or municipal government to which the barangay belongs.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect its approval.

Approved,