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THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 524

INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE FRED H. CASTRO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the monthly honoraria of barangay officials and provide allowances to barangay tanods, members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa, barangay health workers and barangay social workers.

Barangay officials are the frontliners of the government service. They are the ones most directly involved in the implementation of government plans, policies and programs. They are responsible for providing local support to national development by the enforcement of laws and directives. They have the tasks of maintaining peace and order in the community and serving as the direct link between the people in the barangay and the officials in the national level. This is because the barangay, as a basic political unit, serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities, and serves as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled.

Undoubtedly, barangay service is a formidable task. But at present, the amount of assistance the government extends to the punong barangay and other barangay officials and workers is not commensurate to the services rendered by these officials inasmuch as they are tasked in ensuring that government's activities and programs are effectively and efficiently carried out. The Local Government Code of 1991 entitled the punong barangay and other officials an allowance of only One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) and Six Hundred Pesos (P600.00) respectively. Unfortunately, the law does not provide allowances to barangay tanods, members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa, barangay health workers and barangay social workers. Most often, it will depend on whether the Sangguniang Barangay has appropriated a budget for their personal services or not. Barangay tanods, members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa, barangay health workers and barangay social workers deserve reasonable allowances to ensure effective delivery of services in their barangay. Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought and recommended.

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE MONTHLY BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND PROVIDING ALLOWANCES TO BARANGAY TANODS, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND BARANGAY SOCIAL WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph (a), Section 393 of Republic Act Numbered Seventy One Hundred and Sixty otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials. – (a) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods [and] members of the Lupong tagapamayapa. BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND BARANGAY SOCIAL WORKERS 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)]; THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P3,000.00) per month for the punong barangay, [and Six hundred pesos (P600.00)]; ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED PESOS (P1,800.00) per month for the sangguniang barangay members,

barangay treasurer, and barangay secretary AND ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P1,500.00) PER MONTH FOR MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, BARANGAY TANODS, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND BARANGAY SOCIAL WORKERS: 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.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Local Government Unit concerned. Thereafter, such sum as may be needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the Local Government Unit concerned.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed, as to diminish the benefits already being enjoyed by the barangay officials concerned at the time of the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,