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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant retirement benefits to barangay officials who served for a consecutive period of nine years or three terms of honorable public service.

The barangay is the basic political unit in our system of government. It serves as a front-line defense against insurgency and act as the catalyst of development even in the most remote areas of the country. It is the primary planning and implementing unit of government program and projects. These important functions of the barangay are executed and implemented by barangay officials. They are the community leaders who unselfishly render their services and risk their lives in carrying out their responsibilities.

It is unfortunate, however, that for all their duties and sacrifices, devotion and dedication for the welfare of the barangay and its residents, they have not been adequately compensated nor granted retirement benefits that they can avail of in their less productive years.

It is therefore earnestly proposed that this bill be approved to recognize the efforts exerted by them.

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AN ACT
GRANTING RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO ALL ELECTIVE OR APPOINTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS WHO HAVE RENDERED A CONSECUTIVE PERIOD OF NINE YEARS OR THREE TERMS OF PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE BARANGAY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. All elective and appointive barangays officials who have rendered a consecutive period of nine years or three terms of honorable service as barangay official and has opted for retirement shall receive retirement benefits provided in this act.

SEC. 2. A barangay official entitled to retirement benefits under this Act, shall receive a monthly pension for life amounting to not less than sixty-five percent (65%) of the monthly average honoraria, allowances and other emoluments authorized by law or barangay, municipal or city ordinance.

SEC. 3. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) shall establish and administer an appropriate system under which barangay officials shall enjoy retirement benefits. The GSIS shall undertake actuarial study to determine the funding requirement for the operation and maintenance of the retirement system. The amount so determined shall be initially charged to the appropriations for the Department of the Interior and Local Government under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the retirement system shall be included in the annual budget of the municipality or city to which the barangay concerned belongs.

SEC. 4. The initial appropriations provided by the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the subsequent annual budgets provided by the municipal and city government for the operation and maintenance of the retirement system shall be released to the GSIS.

SEC. 5. The GSIS, in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as to diminish, in any way, any existing benefits provided by laws, rules and regulations, local ordinances or any other issuances to barangay officials.

SEC. 7. All laws, decrees, executive orders and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,