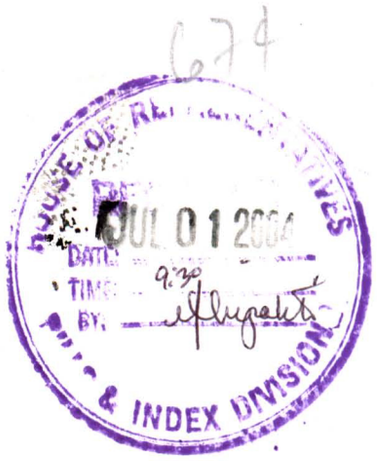
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HOUSE BILL NO. 674



INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE ALIPIO V. BADELLES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This is the third re-filing of this legislative proposal originally registered in the 11th Congress as House Bill No. 5661 which was a consolidated version of twenty-six (26) other similar legislative proposals. In the 12th Congress it was enrolled as House Bill No. 507

The legislative initiative proposes to amend certain sections of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known and cited as "The Local Government Code of 1991" granting additional allowances, honoraria and other benefits to barangay officials, purok presidents or its equivalent and tanod brigades, or its equivalent.

This legislative proposal is premised on the fact that the barangay government units, to a great extent, have attributed to these purok/zone organizations or its equivalent in the barangays throughout the country, the effective implementation of barangay ordinances and delivery of basic services to their constituency. Likewise, the barangay units have organized volunteer brigades to assist in the maintenance of peace and order within the barangay. Thus, making these organizations play a crucial role in the development of the barangay. Thus, as far as practicable, we should extend incentives to the barangay officials, purok/zone organization officials or its equivalent, and barangay volunteer brigades or its equivalent in order for them to become more effective partners in the attainment of national goals.

This proposed additional allowance, honoraria and other benefits to these officials and workers is our sincere gesture of giving them due recognition in our continuing efforts to encourage people participation in governance for the welfare of the entire nation.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, CREATING A NATIONAL BARANGAY BENEFITS AUGMENTATION FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 393 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials. – (a) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods, OR ITS EQUIVALENT, [and] members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa, AND PUROK PRESIDENTS OR THEIR EQUIVALENT 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 (P 1,000.00)] TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P 2,000.00) per month for the punong barangay; [and Six hundred pesos (P 600.00)] ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED (P 1,800.00) per month for the sangguniang barangay members, barangay treasurer, and barangay secretary; AND SIX HUNDRED PESOS (P 600.00) PER MONTH FOR PUROK PRESIDENTS OR THEIR EQUIVALENT: Provided, however, That the annual appropriations for personnel 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, shall also:

(1) Be entitled to Christmas bonus of at least [One thousand pesos (1,000.00)] TWO THOUSAND PESOS (2,000.00) 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 purpose;

(2) Be entitled, during their incumbency, to insurance coverage which shall include, but shall not be limited to temporary and permanent disability, double indemnity, accident insurance, death and burial benefits, in accordance with Republic Act Numbered Sixty Nine hundred forty-two (R.A. No. 6942), entitled "An Act Increasing the Insurance benefits of Local Government Officials and Providing Funds Therefor";

(3) Be entitled to free medical care including subsistence, medicines and medical attendance in any government hospitals or institution: Provided, That

such hospital care shall include surgery or surgical expenses, medicines, X-rays, laboratory fees, and other hospital expenses;

In case of extreme urgency where there is no available government hospital or institution, the barangay official concerned may submit himself for immediate medical attendance to the nearest private clinic, hospital or institution and the expenses not exceeding [Five thousand pesos (5,000)} TEN THOUSAND PESOS (10,000.00) that may be incurred therein shall be chargeable against the funds of the barangay concerned;

(4) Be exempted during their incumbency from paying tuition and matriculation for their legitimate dependent children attending state colleges or universities. He may likewise avail of such educational benefits in a state college or university located within the province or city to which the barangay belongs; and

(5) Be entitled to appropriate civil service eligibility based on the number of years of service to the barangay, pursuant to the rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission.

(c) Elective barangay officials shall have preference in appointments to any government position or in any government-owned or controlled corporations, including their subsidiaries, after their tenure of office, subject to the requisite qualifications and the provisions of the immediately preceding paragraph.

(d) All duly appointed members of the barangay tanod brigades, or their equivalent, which shall number not more than twenty (20) in each barangay, shall be granted A MONTHLY ALLOWANCE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P 500) AND insurance benefits during their incumbency, chargeable to the barangay or the city or municipal government to which the barangay belongs."

SEC. 2. National Barangay Benefits Augmentation Fund. - There is hereby created a National Barangay Benefits Augmentation Fund (NBBAF) which shall be used to augment existing allocation of allowance and honoraria of barangays to barangay officials, purok officials or their equivalent and barangay volunteer workers provided for in this Act.

The oversight Committee on Devolution shall administer and ensure the appropriate disbursement of the fund. The National Barangay Operations Office of the Department of Interior and Local Government shall act as the Secretariat of the Oversight Committee on Devolution and assist the Committee in the proper administration of the Fund. The fund shall be released to the concerned barangays by the Department of Budget and Management, upon adoption of a resolution by the Committee directing the Department to implement the same.

SEC. 3. Funding .- All barangays shall contribute two percent (2%) of their income to the National Barangay Benefits Augmentation Fund.

SEC. 4. Rules and Regulations - The Oversight Committee on Devolution shall within six (6) months of effectivity of this Act formulate and issue the appropriate rules and regulations necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause - All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.