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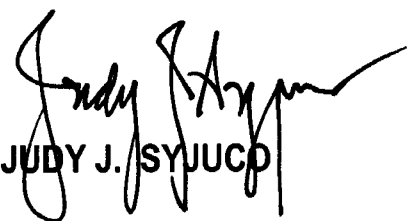
This bill seeks to recognize and acknowledge the sacrifices of our Barangay Tanod brothers.

The Barangay Tanods are always in the frontlines whenever there is a disturbance in the locality of their jurisdiction. Whenever trouble erupts, they usually are the first ones to be called than the policemen. Oftentimes, they assist our policemen in the enforcement of the laws.

We cannot likewise deny that they have been one of the reasons why we could soundly sleep at night knowing fully well that despite their lack of proper arms and defenses, they bravely face the hazards and still faithfully perform the tasks they were sworn to discharge.

Yet, the existing laws have not fully recognized their sacrifices and worth to our communities. They face the hazards yet receive less than the other barangay officials.

In view of the foregoing, and to encourage our brother Barangay Tanods to further perform their jobs well and to recognize their selfless efforts to maintain the peace and tranquility in their locality, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE WELFARE OF BARANGAY TANODS, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Barangay Tanod Welfare Act."

SECTION 2. Paragraph (b), Section 393 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 is hereby amended to read follows:

SEC. 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials.

(a) x x x

(b) The punong barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the barangay treasurer, [and] the barangay secretary, AND THE BARANGAY TANODS, PROVIDED THAT, IN CASE OF BARANGAY TANODS, THE NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES SHALL NOT EXCEED TWENTY (20) 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 purpose, provided that, as to the

Barangay Tanods, the funds shall initially come from the General Appropriations Act for the first five years from the approval of this Act;

- (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 hospital 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 institutions and the expenses not exceeding Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) that may be incurred therein shall be chargeable against the funds of the barangay concerned, provided that, in case of Barangay Tanods, the funds shall initially come from the General Appropriations Act for the first five years from the approval of this Act.

- (4) Be exempted during their incumbency from paying tuition and matriculation expenses for their legitimate dependent children attending state colleges and universities. He may likewise avail if such educational benefits in the state college or university located within the province or city to which the barangay belongs; and
- (5) Be entitled to appropriate civil service on the basis of number of years of service to the barangay, pursuant to the rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission.

SECTION 3. *Effectivity* -- This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,