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HOUSE BILL NO. 1291

Introduced by **Representative DARLENE R. ANTONINO-CUSTODIO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No.6972, otherwise known as the "Barangay-Level Total Development and Protection of Children Act", signed into law in November 1990, declares it a policy of the State " to defend the rights of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and to provide them with special protection against all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development". To carry out the objectives of this law, day care centers were established throughout the country to accommodate children up to six years of age.

The Day Care program of the government provides a place for preschool children. It is community-based facility that provides temporary care to children during the day, thus allowing the parents to engage in other productive activities. It also serves as a learning facility, introducing the children not only to playing but also to cognitive activities in preparation for their integration to the formal school. Its foremost objective is to provide the necessary tools in the mental, physical, emotional and social development of the children.

At present, there are about 29,399 day care centers nationwide and a total of 29,072 day care workers. However, their present allowance of P500, which provide for in RA 6972, is very meager and is not enough incentive and compensation for their vital role of providing stimulation to preschool children in their formative years. They also assist the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) during calamities and facilitate the referral of cases of child abuse to the DSWD.

To address this problem, this measure seeks to amend sections 4 and 6 of RA 6972, increasing the allowance of day care workers to P2,000 and mandating the Sangguniang Bayan or Sangguniang Panglungsod to create one mandatory position of Barangay Day Care Worker in every barangay. The day care worker should be of legal

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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 6, PARAGRAPH © OF REPUBLIC ACT NO 6972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BARANGAY-LEVEL TOTAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN ACT", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Sections 4 and 6, paragraph © of republic Act No. 6972, otherwise known as the "Barangay-Level Total Development and Protection of Children Act", are hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. Implementing Agency – The program shall be JOINTLY implemented by THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY AND the barangay.

(The sangguniang barangay may call upon private volunteers, who are responsible members of the community, and utilize them to assist in the care of children and provide consultative services for medical, educational, and other needs of the children.)

(A) THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OR THE SANGUNIANG PANGLUNGSOD SHALL CREATE AT LEAST ONE (1) MANDATORY POSITION OF BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKERS IN EVERY BARANGAY WITH A MONTHLY ALLOWANCE OF NOT LESS THAT

age, at least a high school graduate, accredited by the DSWD and has undergone a training or orientation seminar on the nature of his/her functions.

In view of the foregoing, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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TWO THOUSAND (P2,000), PROVIDED THAT, IN BARANGAYS WITH MORE THAN TWENTY THOUSAND (20,000) RESIDENTS, THERE SHOULD BE MORE THAN ONE (1) DAY CARE WORKER;

(B) THE BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAJORITY OF ALL THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OR THE SANGGUNIANG PANGLUNGSOD MEMBERS, AND UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY;

© THE BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKER`S PRIMARY FUNCTION IS TO ASSIST IN THE CARE OF THE CHILDREN AND PROVIDE CONSULTATIVE SERVICES FOR SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL AND OTHER NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN; AND

(D) THE BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKER MUST BE OF LEGAL AGE, A RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, AT LEAST A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, DULY ACCREDITED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD), AND MUST HAVE UNDERGONE AN ORIENTATION SEMINAR ON THE NATURE AND CONDUCT OF HIS/HER FUNCTIONS; PROVIDED, THAT THE INCUMBENT BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKER SHALL BE GIVEN PRIORITY OF APPOINTMENT; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE INCUMBENT BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKER WHO IS WITHOUT THE REQUIRED EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION SHALL OBTAIN THE SAME DURING THE SUMMER VACATION BREAK.

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Section 6. Fund for the Center, the Program and Day Care workers.

(a) XXX

(b) XXX

(c) THE ANNUAL BUDGETARY REQUIREMENT FOR THE COMPENSATION OF THE BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKERS SHALL BE FUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY SHALL APPROPRIATE AS PART OF ITS ANNUAL BUDGET FOR PERSONAL SERVICES THE NECESSARY AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00) PER MONTH PER BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKER, PROVIDED, THAT THIRD TO FIFTH CLASS MUNICIPALITIES SHALL APPROPRIATE THREE HUNDRED PESOS (P300.00) PER MONTH PER BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKER;

(2) THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO COVER THE DIFFERENCE IN THE MONTHLY ALLOWANCE FOR EACH BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKER SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE GENERAL APPRORIATIONS ACT OF THE YEAR FOLLOWING ITS ENCATMENT INTO LAW AND THEREAFTER.

(d) XXX

(e) XXX

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

Approved,