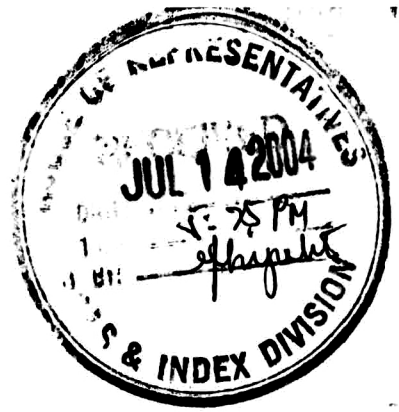




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

“Section 393, Local Government Code. Benefits of Barangay Officials.-(a) Barangay Officials, including Barangay Tanods and members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa, 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) per month for the Punong Barangay and Six Hundred Pesos (P600.00) per month for the Sangguniang Barangay Members, Barangay Treasurer, and Barangay Secretary: Provided, however, that the annual appropriations for personal services shall be subject to the budgetary limitations prescribed xxxxxxxx of this Code. “

“Section 393 (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 insurance or other benefits during their incumbency, chargeable to the barangay or the city or municipal government to which the barangay belongs.”

Thus go the pertinent provisions relating to barangay tanods in the Local Government Code.

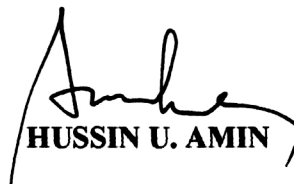
The Barangay Tanods have become integral part of the Barangay system. Their contribution to the maintenance of peace and order in the barangay is undeniable and beyond question.

However, despite their enormous contribution to the barangay and to the country in general, the government has not given them the benefits and security they rightfully deserve.

While it is true that the Local Government Code has given the local government units the power to allocate funds for the Barangay Tanods, the same is not mandatory. Thus, it is not surprising to see some barangays giving more benefits to their tanods, while some are not.

Such unequal situation necessitates a mandatory policy of the State to require all Barangays to give a package of benefits for all Barangay Tanods.

Thus, the passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING BENEFITS PACKAGE FOR ALL BARANGAY TANODS IN
THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Section 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as "Tanod Benefit Package Act of 2004."

Section 2. *State Policy.* It is hereby declared a State Policy to recognize the role of Barangay Tanods in the maintenance of peace and order in the grassroots level and shall endeavor to promote and advance their welfare.

Section 3. *Barangay Tanod Defined.* For the purposes of this Act, a Barangay Tanod refers to any person duly recognized and appointed as such by the Barangay Council having undergone the necessary trainings and who must be at least 21 years old, able to read and write, of good moral character and a resident of the barangay for at least five (5) years.

Section 4. *Benefit Package.* Every Barangay is hereby mandated to ensure that each of its Barangay Tanod shall be given the following benefit packages:

- a. Insurance
- b. Honorarium

- c. Medical subsidy
- d. Such other bonuses and incentives which may be given by virtue of a municipal/city or barangay ordinance.

Section 5. *Budget.* The municipality/city and barangay concerned shall share in allocating funds for the purpose of granting the above benefit package.

Section 6. *Scholarship for Children of Tanods.* All children of a barangay tanod shall be free from tuition and other school fees in all public schools and State Colleges or Universities within the Region where the barangay is located.

For this purpose, a child of a Barangay Tanod who wishes to avail of the scholarship benefit shall only need to present upon enrolment a certification that he/she is a child of a Barangay Tanod. Likewise, a certification from the Punong Barangay stating that the Barangay Tanod concerned is a bonafide and duly recognized barangay tanod shall also be presented.

It is necessary however that the child shall be able to pass all academic requirements as may be prescribed by the school.

Section 7. *Role of the DepEd and the Ched.* The Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education shall see to it that the scholarship provision in this Act shall be properly implemented on the school year immediately following the effectivity of this Act.

Section 8. *Separability Clause.* Any provision of this Act which may be declared unconstitutional shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions thereof.

Section 9. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. *Effectivity.* This act shall take effect 15 days after publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation and in the Official Gazette.

Approved.