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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1553

Introduced by HONORABLE IGNACIO T. ARROYO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed bill seeks to increase the honoraria or allowances granted to barangay officials from a minimum of one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) to two thousand pesos (P2,000.00) per month for the punong barangay, one thousand eight hundred pesos (P1,800.00) for sanguniang barangay members and one thousand five hundred (P1,500.00) for barangay treasurer, secretary and barangay tanods.

It is important to note that when the benefits were granted after the passage of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as The Local Government Code, the value of Philippine peso to American dollar was around P22.00 to P25.00 and has therefore been rendered totally insufficient to compensate for the service rendered by our barangay officials.

This proposed measure likewise seeks the creation of a National Benefits Augmentation Fund, which shall be use to augment existing allocation and honoraria of barangays to barangay officials. It recognizes the government's difficulty in raising revenues to meet its obligations.

In view of the foregoing, immediately approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 39 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,
CREATING A NATIONAL AUGMENTATION FUND, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and the 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.39. Benefits of Barangay Officials – (a) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members in the lupong tagapamayapa, shall receive honoraria, allowances and such other emoluments as may be authorized by law of 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) **TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,500.00)** per month for punong barangay, (and six hundred pesos (P600.00) **ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED PESOS (P1,800.00)** per month for sanguniang barangay members, **AND ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P1,500.00) PER MONTH FOR** barangay treasurers, and barangay secretary: Provided, however, that the annual appropriations for personal services shall be subject to the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five, Book II of this Code;

(b) The punong barangay, the sanguniang barangay members, the barangay treasurer, and the barangay secretary shall also:

- (1) Be entitled to Christmas Bonus of at least (One thousand pesos(P1,000.00) **TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00)** 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. 6942), entitled, " Act increasing Insurance Benefits of Local Government officials and Providing Funds therefore."
- (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 institution and the expenses not exceeding (Five thousand pesos 9P5,00.00) **TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00)** 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 fees for their legitimate dependent children attending state college 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 on the basis of 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 appointment 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 AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P10,000.00) AND insurance or other benefits during their incumbency, chargeable to the barangay or the city or municipal government to which the barangay belongs.

SECTION 2. National Barangay Benefits Augmentation Fund created; - 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 and 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 shall 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.

SECTION 3. *Funding* – To implement the provisions of this Act, all barangays shall contribute two percent (2%) of their income to the national barangay Benefits Augmentation Fund.

SECTION 4. *Rules and regulations* – The Oversight Committee on Devolution shall, within six (6) months from affectivity of this Act, formulate and issue the appropriate rules and regulations necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of this Act.

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

SECTION 6. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.