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HOUSE BILL NO. 2274

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay Officials are the caretakers of local governance in the grassroot level. They perform multifarious functions such as maintaining peace and order, assuring that basic services reach the members of this smallest political government unit and acting as catalyzer of development.

And yet, even with the risk and exposure to danger involved in the performance of these duties and functions, the barangay officials, aside from not being adequately compensated for their services, face uncertainty in their less productive years.

This bill seeks to give due recognition to the dedication and invaluable service rendered by the barangay officials. The retirement benefits as proposed will somehow enable the outgoing barangay officials of a special source of livelihood as they return to private life.

The present laws, RA No. 7160 and RA No. 6942 while providing benefits to elected local officials overlooked an equally important aspect in government service which is retirement. With this bill the much needed assistance to our outgoing barangay officials will ultimately be met.

The early approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph (b) Section 393 of RA No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 is hereby amended by adding a subparagraph (5) to be known as subparagraph (6) to read as follows:

“SECTION 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials -
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(b) The punong barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the barangay treasurer, and the barangay secretary shall also:
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(6) BE ENTITLED TO RETIREMENT BENEFITS FROM THE GSIS AFTER HAVING SERVED FOR AT LEAST NINE (9) YEARS OF CUMULATIVE SERVICE.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER THAT A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL OF THEIR MINIMUM BASIC ALLOWANCE ANNUALLY SHALL BE REMITTED TO THE GSIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROGRAM WHICH THE GSIS WILL ESTABLISH FOR THE PURPOSE;

PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT AT THE END OF NINE YEARS THE GSIS SHALL PAY THEM A LUMP SUM BENEFIT EQUIVALENT TO FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00) FOR THE PUNONG BARANGAY, FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (P4,000.00) FOR THE SANGGUNANG BARANGAY AND TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00) FOR THE BARANGAY TREASURER AND BARANGAY SECRETARY, FOR EVERY YEAR OF SERVICE ENCOMPASSED IN THEIR NINE YEAR-STAY IN

OFFICE AND PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT THIS SCHEME SHALL BE AN EXCEPTION TO THE DEDUCTION AND RETIREMENT PAY SCHEME OF THE GSIS LAW AND OTHER RETIREMENT LAWS WHICH THEY MAY QUALIFY.

SECTION 2. For this purpose, the Government Service Insurance System shall establish and administer an appropriate system under which the punong barangay, the members of the sangguniang barangay, the barangay treasurer and barangay secretary shall enjoy retirement and other benefits accruing thereunder. The GSIS shall undertake actuarial study, issues rules and regulations, determine the contributions payable and recommend to the Congress the amount of appropriations needed to support the system.

SECTION 3. This Act shall benefit all incumbents of the positions above-mentioned who have served for at least three (3) years prior to the effectivity of this law.

SECTION 4. The initial amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Interior and Local Government under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. Any law, decree, executive order, administrative order, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified and amended accordingly.

SECTION 6. This law shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.