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HOUSE BILL NO. 2297

Introduced by Honorable **MONICO O. PUENTEVELLA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Barangay Officials have always been considered as the guardians of the barangays. In their stewardship of their respective barangays, they have set aside personal and financial gain, enduring and rising above challenges and hardships that not even a paid individual would face even if the salary is doubled.

But despite the situation they are facing, our Barangay Officials do not receive a fixed remuneration instead, they get a meager allowance as a sort of honorarium for their services. Despite this, they continue to be faithful in the discharge of their responsibilities and obligations; one might say that they serve even beyond the call of duty.

We have examples of Barangay Captains, Barangay Council and Tanod members acting in various capacities as stewards and leaders of the barangays, risking life and limb in their effort to keep peace, order and security, acting as counselors or mediators despite their own problems. We also have barangay health workers and barangay social workers who, despite their selfless labors in behalf of the barangay, remain unrecognized for their efforts.

While other government officials and employees receive yearly increases since the 1990s, the government failed to include barangay officials in the pay increases. This bill therefore proposes to increase the minimum amount of honoraria, allowances and other emoluments prescribed under Section 393 of the Local Government Code, also added is the inclusion of the barangay social worker, health worker and barangay tanod as barangay workers and members and therefore eligible to the same honoraria, allowances and other emoluments.

It is therefore earnestly requested that this proposed measure be approved.


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AN ACT
REDEFINING THE COMPOSITION OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND
INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 387 AND 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF
1991.

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 Officials Remuneration Act of 2004."

SEC. 2. Section 387 and Paragraph (a) Section 393 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 is hereby amended as follows:

"SEC. 387 (C) EACH BARANGAY SHALL HAVE A BARANGAY SOCIAL WORKER AND BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER APPOINTED BY THE PUNONG BARANGAY TO SERVE THE BARANGAY, IN ADDITION TO THE DESIGNATED BARANGAY TANODS.

"SEC. 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials. (a) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, BARANGAY SOCIAL WORKERS and members of the lupong tagapamayapa, shall receive honoraria, allowances and other such 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)] FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000) per month for the punong barangay [and Six hundred pesos (P600) per month for the sangguniang barangay members, barangay treasurer and barangay secretary:], FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (P4,000)

PER MONTH FOR THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY MEMBERS AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN CHAIRMAN, THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P3,000) PER MONTH FOR THE BARANGAY TREASURER AND BARANGAY SECRETARY, AND TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00) PER MONTH FOR THE BARANGAY TANODS, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, BARANGAY SOCIAL WORKERS AND LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA. Provided, however, that the annual appropriations for personal services shall be subject to the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title V, Book II of this Code.

"(b) The punong barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the barangay treasurer, [and] the barangay secretary, THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN CHAIRMAN, BARANGAY TANODS, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND BARANGAY SOCIAL WORKERS shall also:

"(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 SEVEN [Five] thousand FIVE HUNDRED pesos (P7,500) [(P5,000)] that may be incurred therein shall be chargeable against the funds of the barangay concerned."

SEC. 3. Any provision of law, decree, executive order, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,