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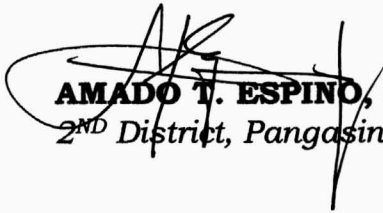
Introduced by HON. AMADO T. ESPINO, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The intention of this bill is to provide for better incentives and benefits to our Barangay Health Workers in order to encourage them to give efficient delivery of basic health services to our constituents.

Providing them with these financial help is necessary to minimize their leaving the country and serve instead our *kabakayans* especially now that the health of our population is crucial in the development of our country.

The approval of this bill is then earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
GRANTING INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS TO BARANGAY
HEALTH WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. *Title of the Act.* – This Act shall be known as the
“Barangay Health Workers Benefits and Incentives Act of 2004.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy and Principles.* – It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the Filipino people and instill health consciousness among them by giving each individual unimpaired access to health and information services. Towards this end, this Act shall provide incentives and benefits to Barangay Health Workers, the frontliners in the promotion, protection and maintenance of health in the rural areas.

SECTION 3. *Incentives and Benefits* – In recognition of their services, Barangay Health Workers shall, in addition to other incentives and benefits granted under existing laws, be entitled to the following:

- (a) Hazard allowance in an amount to be determined by the local health board of the Local Government Unit (LGU) concerned;

- (b) Subsistence allowance equivalent to the meals they take in the course of their duty, which shall be computed in accordance with prevailing circumstances as determined by the Local Government Unit concerned;
- (c) Scholarship in the form of tuition fees in State Colleges or Universities to be granted up to his/her third legitimate child;
- (d) Free legal representation and consultation services shall be immediately provided for by the Public Attorneys Office in case of coercion, interference and I other civil and criminal cases filed by or against Barangay Health workers arising out of or in connection with the performance of their duties as such.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 22. *Separability Clause.* – If any part, section or provision of this Act be held invalid or unconstitutional, no other part, section or provision thereof shall be affected thereby.

SECTION 23. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after its approval

Approved,