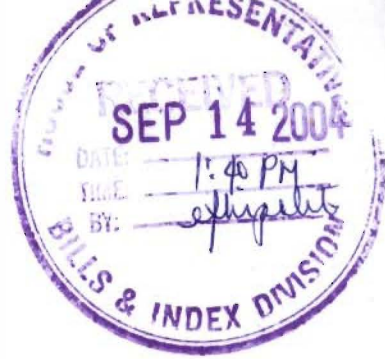




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HOUSE BILL NO. 2888

Introduced by: HON. HERMINIA M. RAMIRO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant discount in transportation fares to all barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the Lupon Tagapamayapa, and Barangay Health Workers.

The fiscal crisis in our midst as admitted by no less than President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is a stunning revelation that the government cannot afford to grant monetary benefits to our hardworking barangay officials. There were numerous bills filed during the Twelfth Congress, which sought to grant monetary and non-monetary benefits to our barangay officials in recognition of their primary role in delivering basic services to the grassroots level. But during the deliberations at the Committee level, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and even the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) put a quietus to such measures for lack of funds. The said bills had been re-filed but the same fate can be expected of them in the light of the President's admission that the Philippines is in a tight bind that it even proposed to take portion of the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares of local government units.

The vital role our barangay officials and barangay health workers play in the countryside is hard to ignore as justified in the numerous bills proposing to grant them monetary and non-monetary benefits, which the government could not afford to because all of them involve appropriation of public funds. A different mechanism therefore has to be devised in order to grant them benefits, which will not entail additional expenses on the part of the government. This is in the form of transportation fare discount, which is similar to what has been granted to our students nationwide. At least, with this transportation fare discount, our barangay officials could still feel that their day-to-day efforts are recognized by the government.

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


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AN ACT
GRANTING ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND BARANGAY HEALTH
WORKERS A DISCOUNT IN TRANSPORTATION FARES

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

Section 1. All barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa, and Barangay Health Workers are hereby granted thirty percent (30%) discount in transportation fares.

Sec. 2. The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations within sixty (60) days upon approval of this Act.

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication of the implementing rules in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,