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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2954



Introduced by the Honorable Benjamin C. Agarao, Jr.

It is declared national policy that the State shall promote viable health program in order to address the worsening and deteriorating conditions of our citizens who continuously suffer from malnutrition and diseases. To be able to effectively attain this objective, our local government units have tapped the services of qualified and devoted individuals within the community and have lead to the formation of Barangay Health Workers.

To this date however, despite the passage of an enabling law giving honoraria to Barangay Health Workers, their conditions have stagnated and most often that not are at the losing end of the bargain primarily because their compensation remains to be overly dependent on the budget of a Local Government Unit. Worst if the LGU itself expended too much in delivering basic services, the money which is supposedly intended for salaries of the Barangay Health Workers had become the sacrificial lam in order for the budgetary requirement to be balanced.

This bill proposes that Barangay Health Workers should receive a monthly Honoraria of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 1,500.00) coming from the National Treasury. It will tremendously alleviate the economic conditions of our Health Workers who despite the handicapped they have consistently suffered, have remain steadfast in their quest of helping our less fortunate citizens maintain good health and living conditions.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
GRANTING HONORARIA AND INSURANCE COVERAGE TO ALL ACCREDITED
BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE R.A. 7883,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS INCENTIVES
AND BENEFITS ACT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

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

SECTION 1. *Amendment.* Section 6 of Republic Act No. 7883 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 6. Incentives and Benefits. In recognition of their services, all accredited barangay health workers who are actively and regularly performing their duties shall be entitled to the following incentives and benefits:

- a) HONORARIA – ALL ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A MONTHLY HONORARIA OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P 1,500.00);
- b) INSURANCE COVERAGE – ALL BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS ARE GRANTED INSURANCE COVERAGE BY THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM OR ANY ACCREDITED INSURANCE COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND (P 10,000.00) PESOS;

SECTION 2. *Rules and Regulations.* The Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) shall formulate the rules and regulations as maybe necessary for the effective implementation of this Act within 90 days from its effectivity.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following the effectivity of this Act and every year thereafter.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,