

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3009

Introduced by Honorable Samuel M. Dangwa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide the minimum hazard allowance of barangay health workers in an amount of not less than Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00).

Barangay Health Workers are trained volunteers assigned to deliver simple health care services to barangay households. They are tapped by health officers of the local government to deliver basic health services in every barangay especially in the far flung areas. These volunteers are directly in contact with the local residents, inculcating in them that primary health care is a way of life and responsibility of everybody.

These volunteers, in rendering public service, are exposed to situations, conditions and factors in the work environment which endanger their health or life. However, they do not receive salaries to compensate their services.

In fairness to these volunteers, they should receive compensation. To further encourage these volunteers to do their work effectively, a monthly hazard allowance in an amount of not less than Two Thousand Pesos (2,000.00) should be given to them.

On line with the State policy to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them, this bill becomes imperative.

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


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AN ACT

PROVIDING THE MINIMUM MONTHLY HAZARD ALLOWANCE OF ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE "BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS' BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995."

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

1 **Section 1.** Par. a, Sec. 6 of Republic Act No. 7883, known as the
2 "Barangay Health Workers' Benefits and Incentive Act of 1995" is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 *"SEC. 6. Incentives and Benefits. – x x x x x*

5 *a) Hazard Allowance – Volunteer Barangay Health Workers in*
6 *rural and urban areas, exposed to situations, conditions, or factors in*
7 *the work environment or place where foreseeable but unavoidable*
8 *danger or risks exist which adversely endanger his health or life*
9 *and/or increase the risk of producing adverse effect on his person in*
10 *the exercise of his duties, to be validated by the proper authorities,*
11 *shall be entitled to hazard allowance in an amount to be determined*
12 *by the local health board and the local peace and order council of the*
13 *local government unit concerned: PROVIDED THAT THE HAZARD*
14 *ALLOWANCE SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN TWO THOUSAND*
15 *PESOS (P2,000.00)."*

16 **Section 2.** This Act shall take effect immediately.

Approved.