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House Bill No. 4888



Introduced by **HON. IGNACIO T. ARROYO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Barangay, as the basic political unit, plays a very significant role in the planning and implementation of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities. As such, they have the primary responsibility of addressing the needs of their constituents, often requiring them to communicate with other agencies in the national and local government.

However, the limited budgets of Sangguniang Barangays also limit their capability to send communication essential to the performance of their duty. To address this predicament, this bill proposes to grant Sangguniang Barangays limited franking privileges for communication sent to other government agencies.

It is for these reasons that the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT GRANTING FRANKING PRIVILEGS TO SANGGUNIANG
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress
assembled:*

SECTION 1. The franking privilege is hereby granted to Sangguniang Barangays. For this purpose the Sangguniang Barangays shall be exempt from the payment of postages on any mail matter they send to government agencies and officials, both local and national: Provided, That this exemption shall only be available to assist and expedite the conduct of the official businesses, activities and duties of the Sangguniang Barangays, and shall not be utilized for matters which are purely personal or politically partisan.

SECTION 2. All official mail availing of this franking privilege must be sealed in an official envelope indicating therein the name of the

Sangguniang Barangay, with the Official Seal of the Republic of the Philippines on the left hand corner and the printed penalty clause on the right hand corner.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Transportation and Communications shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SECTION 4. Private or unauthorized use of the franking privilege shall be penalized by a fine of one thousand pesos (Php1,000.00).

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

Approved,