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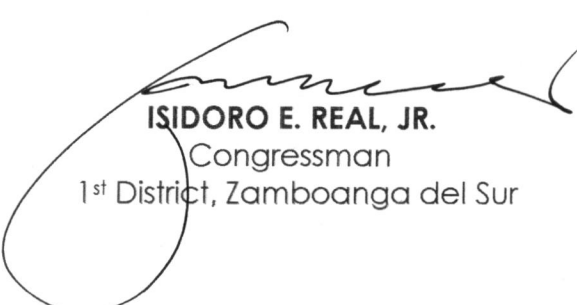
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Punong Barangay, the Barangay Kagawad, the Barangay Treasurer and Barangay Secretary are at the forefront of the delivery of essential public services. They exercise legislative, executive and judicial functions and barangay residents look up to them for the effective enforcement of laws, maintenance of peace and order, arbitration of disputes and almost all aspects of the community needs. They serve as bridges to other government agencies and the source of assistance especially during times of emergency and calamity.

Yet despite these multifarious functions and duties, barangay officials receive meager monthly allowances or honoraria and a measly drop of insurance benefits. They certainly deserve so much more - if only to compensate them for the long, endless hours, day after day, when they are on call to meet the needs of the people of the barangay.

This Bill, therefore, seeks to grant to barangay officials additional benefits in addition to those extended to them by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) under Republic Act No. 8291.

Approval of this Bill is strongly recommended.


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AN ACT
EXPANDING THE INSURANCE BENEFITS OF BARANGAYS CAPTAINS AND
OTHER BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND WORKERS

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

SECTION 1. In addition to the insurance benefits extended to Barangay Captains by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) under Republic Act No. 8291, there is hereby granted term insurance coverage for all barangay officials, providing for the following benefits to all Barangay Captains, Kagawads, Treasurers and Secretaries, to wit:

- 1) Death benefit in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (₱100,000.00), in case any of the above-named officials dies due to assassination or accident while in the conduct of his or her official duties or functions;
- 2) Burial expenses in an amount not exceeding Thirty Thousand Pesos (₱30,000.00);
- 3) Reimbursement for actual hospitalization or medical expenses in an amount not exceeding Fifty Thousand Pesos (₱50,000.00), for injuries sustained while in the performance of his or her duties.



SEC. 2. For purposes of this Act, it is prima facie presumed that the death, injury or ailment of the barangay official is related to the functions of his office.

SEC. 3. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the GSIS shall prepare an actuarial plan, to determine the total premiums to be paid, sufficient to cover the benefits provided under this Act.

SEC. 4. The amount corresponding to the total annual insurance premiums computed on the basis of the actuarial study mandated under the immediately preceding section hereof shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law. Thereafter, the expenditure for its continued implementation, duly adjusted to take care of inflation and other causes, shall be included in the subsequent General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. If any provision of this Act is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the remainder thereof.

SEC. 6. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and part thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers in general circulation.

Approved,

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