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House Bill No. 4891

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers. (Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution)

To give meaning to the spirit and intention of the framers of the aforementioned Constitutional provision, Congress passed Republic Act No. 7883. The said law boosted the efforts of the local government unit with regard to the provision of health care services at the barangay level.

While the passage of R.A. 7883 made drastic improvement in the administration of health services to the grassroot level, the undersigned author still believes that certain provisions of the said law needs to be changed for a more efficient delivery of the health services to the needy.

This bill seeks to amend Section 6 of R.A. 7883, by granting travel allowance to barangay health workers to aid in the fulfillment of their duties. Hence, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT GRANTING TRAVEL ALLOWANCES TO BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS' BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995" AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The following paragraph is hereby inserted after Section

6(b) of Republic Act No. 7883:

"SEC. 6. Incentives and Benefits.

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(c) "TO AID IN THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR DUTIES, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (Php500.00) PER MONTHLY, SUBJECT TO LIQUIDATION."

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette, or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,