

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

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House Bill No. 1845

INTRODUCED BY HON. MARCELINO "MARCY" R. TEODORO

AN ACT
PROVIDING INSURANCE BENEFITS TO BARANGAY TANODS AND INCREASING
THE AMOUNT OF THE COVERAGE OF INSURANCE BENEFITS OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
6942 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of RA 6942 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Coverage of the Act. Every Punong Barangay, sangguniang barangay member, chairman of kabataang barangay, barangay secretary [and], barangay treasurer and BARANGAY TANODS and every member of sangguniang panlalawigan, sangguniang panglunsod and sangguniang bayan, duly elected or appointed, and duly qualified, who does not received a fixed salary during his incumbency, shall be automatically covered by this Act; Provided, that the moment said official receives a fixed salary whether in the same capacity or by virtue of a permanent appointment in any other government office or by election to another public office, his coverage under this Act shall automatically cease and shall then be covered by the appropriate law. Any of the above mentioned local officials who shall automatically lose coverage or cease to be covered by this Act by virtue of termination or resignation from office for any lawful cause shall have the option to continue the coverage by paying the required premiums thereon."

SECTION 2. All the insurance benefits afforded to all local officials covered by the provisions of RA 6942 shall be increased by at least fifty percent (50%), but not more than one hundred percent (100%) of the percent rate.

SECTION 3. The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) in consultation with the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) shall issue the necessary guidelines for the proper implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. The amount necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be charged to the fund of the DILG under the current General Appropriation Act.

SECTION 5. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or any part hereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The barangay may be the smallest political unit in the country, but is without a doubt the most significant in reaching out to the public and responding to immediate parochial needs.

Admittedly, it is the declared policy of the State to promote and enhance the efficiency and responsiveness of barangay officials including barangay tanods. Barangay Tanods duly created under the Local Government Code, has an indispensable role in barangay government specifically in the maintenance and protection of peace and security and the promotion of public safety within the barangay.

Indeed, barangay brings government directly to the people, serving as the primary planning and implementing arm of government in terms of implementation of programs, projects, and activities in the community, and as a forum for exchange of collective views, allowing the people to articulate their concerns and sentiments, settle their differences and collectively participate in improving the conditions of their community.

As of 2006, there are a total of 41,995 barangays all over the Philippines. Given their peculiar needs, Congress should enact measures that shall strengthen further their mandate and economic and political building capabilities, as well as, support the people manning the barangays in order to make them much more efficient and responsive.

The proposed measure seeks to provide insurance benefits to barangay tanods, and to increase the amount of insurance benefits by fifty percent (50%) to one hundred percent (100%) of local government officials.

In light of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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