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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 additional benefits and incentives to all barangay tanods by considering them members of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and giving them life insurance and social security protection including retirement, disability, separation and unemployment benefits and such other benefits as maybe extended by the government.

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



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AN ACT
PROVIDING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO ALL BARANGAY
TANODS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION. 1 Title – This Act shall be known as the "Barangay Tanod Incentives Act of 2010".

SEC. 2 Declaration of Policy – 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.

SEC. 3 As used in this Act, Barangay Tanod refers to a brigade or body composed of civilian volunteers, duly created at the barangay level, assisting the barangay officials in the exercise of its law enforcement function specifically in maintaining peace and other and promotion of public order and safety in the barangay.

SEC. 4. In addition to the benefits being extended to Barangay Tanods pursuant to the provision of the Local Government Code, a member of Barangay Tanod Brigade who has rendered continuous service for at least in any barangay unit shall, during his incumbency be entitled to the following:

(1) **GSIS Benefit Coverage.** Barangay Tanods shall be considered members of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and shall be covered with life insurance and social security protection including retirement, disability, separation and unemployment benefits and such other benefits as maybe extended by the GSIS, subject to the limitations provided by law;

(2) **Health Benefits.** Government medical and health insurance programs under existing laws shall include in their coverage free basic health services and medicines to Barangay Tanods;

(3) **Educational Benefits.** Barangay Tanod shall, during his incumbency, be given full scholarship for his legitimate and legally adopted children, attending any recognized state colleges and universities but not exceeding three (3);

(4) Tax exemption. All amount received by Barangay Tanods as salaries, wages, Compensation, remuneration and other emoluments, such as honoraria and allowance shall be exempt from income taxation. Gross benefits by Barangay Tanods, of whatever kind or character, shall likewise be exempt from taxation; and

(5) Legal Representation. Barangay Tanods who maybe involved as party litigants in administrative or criminal cases filed in connection with performance of their official duties, shall be entitled to the free legal services of the Public Attorney's Officer or PAO who shall facilitate the legal representation of such Barangay Tanods by a counsel.

SEC. 5. Implementation Rules and Regulations. The Department of Interior and local Government (DILG). In coordinating and consultation with the agencies concerned, shall promulgate and issue necessary implementing rules and regulations as maybe necessary for proper speedy and effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6 Repealing Clause. All laws or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified as the case may be.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its complete publication in two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,