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HOUSE BILL NO. 2526

Introduced by Rep. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1991 Local Government Code views the barangay as the basic political unit. It also serve as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community and as a forum where the collective views of the people maybe expressed, crystallized and considered and where disputes maybe amicably settled. These functions encompass the political and administrative character of the barangay as a local government unit.

The barangay government is likewise the springboard for neophyte political leaders. It is the training ground for vibrant and innovative proponents of change and acts as the microcosm of the national leadership, a rich reservoir of men and women in whose hands the future depends.

Barangay leaders and officers have genuine concern for their constituents hence their efforts must be properly recognized and duly reciprocated at all times. Compared to other government officials, barangay officials receive the lowest honorarium or allowances in the exercise of their functions. At the end of their service they also received the lowest retirement or pension or none at all for the most of these officials.

This bill is anchored on the proposition that no amount of recognition will commensurate to the dedication, sacrifice and heroic deeds of our barangay officials, elected or appointed. It is the intention of this bill that the barangay officials themselves or their family or beneficiaries by reason of their retirement from service be given additional retirement benefits in the form of pension or lump sum which can be actually helpful to them during the time of their greatest need.

In view of the foregoing, approval of the Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO ALL BARANGAY
OFFICIALS 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 “ *Expanded Barangay Retirement
Benefits Act of 2010*”.

SEC. 2. Additional Retirement Benefits - In addition to the retirement benefits being
extended to Barangay Officials by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) under
Republic Act. No. 8291, all barangay officials, elective or appointive, shall be entitled to additional
retirement benefits who rendered continuous service for at least nine (9) years in any barangay unit,
subject to the limitations provided by law.

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2 **SEC. 3** Retirement benefits shall be in the form of a lump sum payment payable at the time
3 of retirement plus an old-age pension benefit equal to the basic monthly pension payable monthly
4 for life, subject to the rules and regulations to be issued by appropriate government agencies on the
5 matter;

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7 **SEC. 4. *Conditions for Entitlement.*** - A barangay official, elected or appointed, who retires
8 from the service shall be entitled to the retirement benefits provided, That:

- 9 (1) he has rendered at least nine years of service; and
10 (2) he is at least sixty (60) years of age at the time of retirement;

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12 **SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** The Department of Interior and Local
13 Government (DILG), in coordination and consultation with the agencies concerned, shall
14 promulgate and issue necessary implementing rules and regulations as maybe necessary for proper
15 speedy and effective implementation of this Act.

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

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

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