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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The barangay tanod brigades are the unsung heroes of the barangays being volunteers who are at the forefront in the maintenance of peace and order, promotion of public safety, and protection of citizens from dangerous elements in the barangay.

In light with the indispensable role that the barangay tanods play, it is but fitting for the State to enhance their social and economic welfare through programs that will supplement their meager salaries and allowances. The Philhealth coverage benefit provided under this proposed measure is intended to provide motivation and strengthen their commitment in providing services to their respective local government units and in the performance of their duties.

Hence, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
GRANTING PHILHEALTH BENEFITS TO BARANGAY TANOD
BRIGADES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 (D) OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

SECTION 1. Section 393 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials. -

x x x

(d) All duly appointed members of the barangay tanod brigades, or their equivalent, which shall number not more than twenty (20) in each barangay, shall be granted insurance or other benefits during their incumbency, chargeable to the barangay or the city or municipal government to which the barangay belongs.

All duly appointed members of the barangay tanod brigades, or their equivalent shall be enrolled in the National Health Insurance Program to enable them to receive and avail of adequate package of personal health services including but not limited to in-patient hospital care, out-patient care, emergency and transfer services, and transfer services, and other supplementary health benefits as may be provided by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation and the Local Government Unit where they render service.

x x x”

SECTION 2. *Availment of Benefits.* – Upon the passage of this Act, the members of the barangay tanod brigades shall be automatically entitled to the full enjoyment and availment of the benefits as contained herein, in the National Health Insurance Act.

Barangay tanods shall not be required to pay monthly contributions and other fees or charges for them to be entitled to these benefits.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* – The necessary amount for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) under the current

General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual budget of the local government unit concerned.

SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Interior and Local Government in coordination and consultation with the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation shall formulate within sixty (60) days the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, presidential issuances and other administrative rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* – This act shall take effect immediately after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,