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House Bill No. **5072**

Introduced by **REP SALVIO B. FORTUNO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to include Barangay Officials, including Barangay Tanods and Members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa and Barangay employees in the coverage of Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHILHEALTH).

Barangay officials and barangay employees plays an important function in the operation of the government and the delivery of public services to the people. But despite of their important function, barangay officials and barangay employees are the lowest paid government employees, furthermore in terms employment and benefits and privileges, barangay officials and employees are likewise the least benefited as compared to other government employees in local government units.

With the approval of this bill, public servants in the barangay will enjoy added benefits and in a way will enhance their performance and discourage them to engage in corrupt practices for the reason that they will no longer worry of the expenses that they might incur in the event that they or their family become sick because they are already covered by health insurance provided for by the government and furthermore they will no be troubled of their welfare after they have been separated from public service because they knew that at the end of their service they will receive something because they are covered by social security benefits provided for by the State.

In view of the forgoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought for.


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS,
INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, AND
OTHER BARANGAY EMPLOYEES IN THE COVERAGE OF THE
GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) AND
PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH)

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of policy.-It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote the welfare of barangay officials and employees who make democracy function in the smallest territorial and political subdivision of the government. As part of the promotion of their welfare, the State shall ensure that they are covered by existing insurance and medical and health service program of the government under existing laws.

SEC.2. Coverage.- The covered barangay officials and employees are the following :

- 1) Punong Barangay;
- 2) Barangay Kagawad;
- 3) Members of the Lupon ng mga Tagapamayapa;
- 4) Barangay tanods: *Provided* that the Barangay tanod covered shall not exceed ten (10) in each baranggay;
- 5) Barangay Secretary;
- 6) Barangay treasurer, and;
- 7) Other barangay employees which shall not be more than two (2).

SEC.3. *GSIS and PHILHEALTH Benefits*- The barangay official mentioned in the preceding section shall be considered members of the Government Service Insurance System and PHILHEALTH and shall be covered with life insurance, retirement, disability, separation, unemployment benefit, health and medical insurances and such other benefits that may be extended by the GSIS and PHILHEALTH.

The GSIS and PHILHEALTH shall make special provisions in order to facilitate the inclusion of barangay official and barangay employees in the benefits coverage of the GSIS.

SEC.4. *Limitation of the coverage*.- Barangay officials and barangay employees already enjoying insurance, retirement, disability, separation, unemployment benefit, health and medical insurance from the government shall not be covered by this Act.

SEC.5. *Repealing Clause*.- All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly

SEC.6. *Separability Clause* - If any part of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional for any reason whatsoever such declaration shall not in anyway affect the other parts or section of this Act.

SEC.7. *Effectivity*.- This Act shall take effect after fifteen(15) days following the publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved