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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

AS the smallest unit of government, the welfare of barangays, including its officials and employees, is being overlooked most of the time despite the important role they play in the society we live in.

To give due recognition to their small contribution in keeping the government running smoothly and efficiently, this bill seeks to give barangay officials, barangay tanod and other barangay employees Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (Philhealth) coverage and Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) benefits.

These benefits will be of great help to barangay officials and employees during their time of need, especially with regards to their health. Their future, and of their dependents, will also be ensured with the benefits provided for by the GSIS to its members.

In return, these additional benefits shall result to a better and inspired service by the barangays to the public.

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

  
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**AN ACT GIVING PHILHEALTH AND GSIS COVERAGE  
TO ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**

BE it enacted in the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

**Sec. 1. Title:** This act shall be known as "Barangay Philhealth and GSIS Coverage Act of 2010".

**Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy:** It is the policy of the State to promote the welfare of barangay officials and employees who work at the grassroots level of government. To fulfill this, the government shall adopt measures to help uplift the quality of life of all barangay workers.

**Sec. 3: Scope:** The bill shall cover the following barangay workers: 1. Punong Barangay; 2. Barangay Kagawad; 3. Members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa; 4. Barangay Tanods; 5. Barangay Secretary; 6. Barangay Treasurer; 7. and two other barangay employees.

**Sec. 4. GSIS and Philhealth coverage** – The aforementioned barangay officials and employees shall automatically be considered members of the GSIS and Philhealth and shall enjoy insurance, retirement, separation and other benefits extended by the agencies to their members. The GSIS and Philhealth shall make special provisions in order to facilitate the inclusion of barangay officials and employees in their coverage.

**Sec. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations** – Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government, the Government Service Insurance System and the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation and other agencies concerned shall promulgate rules and guidelines as may be necessary for the proper implementation of this Act.

**Sec. 6. Separability Clause.** -- If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**Sec. 7. Repealing Clause.** — All laws, executive orders or issuances, or any parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**Sec. 8. Effectivity Clause.** — This Act shall take effect upon its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,