

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5314

Introduced by Honorable Edgar S. San Luis

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to upgrade the position of sanitation inspectors to the next higher salary grade.

The work of the sanitation inspectors is of immense national and local importance affecting the health and welfare of every member of the community. It is of utmost necessity that, as the foot soldiers in the community, they must work most of the time in the field or locality for the implementation of various environmental and occupational health care programs. They are the missionaries of the government in promoting health programs that will uplift the living conditions of the community where they are assigned. They work together with the rural health units in the prevention of epidemics and outbreaks of all kinds of diseases as provided for under Presidential Decree No. 856, otherwise known as "*The Code of Sanitation of the Philippines*."

The functions of sanitation inspectors were devolved to the local government units by virtue of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "*Local Government Code of 1991*." Hence, they enforce sanitary rules, laws and regulations under the supervision of the provincial, city or municipal health officers.



The present ratio of sanitation personnel at one inspector for every forty thousand (1:40,000) population is far from ideal. At this ratio, they can hardly fulfill their primary function of safeguarding the health of the people in the communities where they are assigned.

There is therefore an urgent need to hire an additional sanitation inspector in order to meet the needs of our communities. Upgrading the salary grade of sanitation inspectors will make the position competitive and will attract more people to apply for the position. Further, for the existing and future sanitation inspectors, the upgrading of their salary grade will inspire them to accomplish their functions of providing quality health care with utmost perseverance and dedication.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this act is earnestly recommended.



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AN ACT
UPGRADING THE POSITION OF SANITATION INSPECTOR TO THE
NEXT HIGHER SALARY GRADE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The position of sanitation inspector is hereby upgraded to the next higher salary grade (SG) as follows:

Position	Salary Grade (SG)	
	From	To
Sanitation Inspector I	SG 06	SG 09
Sanitation Inspector II	SG 08	SG11
Sanitation Inspector III	SG 11	SG 13
Sanitation Inspector IV	SG 13	SG 15
Sanitation Inspector V	SG 15	SG 17

Sanitation Inspector VI	SG 18	SG 19
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SEC. 2. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount needed for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the respective local government units.

SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,