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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Local Government Code tasks the Punong Barangay and the Sangguniang Barangay with the primary function of ensuring the general welfare of the barangay and its inhabitants.

Working almost 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the Punong Barangay and the members of the Sangguniang Barangay receive only honoraria and other benefits. The law, however, does not provide for their pension when they retire.

The attached bill seeks to address this need by providing for pension benefits for the Punong Barangay and the members of Sangguniang Barangay when they retire. For them to qualify for the retirement pension provided in the bill, they must have served at least 3 consecutive terms as such barangay official.

Immediate approval of this legislation is earnestly recommended.

This is a House of Representative counterpart bill to one filed in the Senate by Senator Manny B. Villar.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR THE
PUNONG BARANGAY AND THE MEMBERS OF THE
SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY WHO HAVE SERVED THREE
CONSECUTIVE TERMS AS SUCH OFFICIALS**

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

Section 1. In addition to the existing benefits as provided them by law, every Punong Barangay and Sangguniang Barangay member who has served as such for three (3) consecutive terms, shall, at the end of his third term, be entitled for life to a monthly retirement pension equivalent to an amount not lower than the monthly honorarium which he received during his incumbency.

Section 2. For the purpose of this Act, the National Government shall appropriate annually and include in the General Appropriations Act the total annual premiums based on the actual members of the barangay officials covered under Sec.1 hereof, and as certified by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and as recommended by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), based on the actuarial studies the System shall conduct from time to time to determine the adequacy of the government contribution as provided herein. The entire appropriation for the payments of the total annual premium shall be released to the System during the first month of every calendar year.

Section 3. All claims for payment of retirement benefits pursuant to the provisions of this Act, shall, with the assistance of barangay officials concerned, be processed and settled within thirty (30) days at the nearest GSIS branch from submission of all the required documents to the System.

Section 4. Within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Act, the DILG, in consultation with the GSIS, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations

for the proper implementation of this Act: Provided, That no barangay official covered by this Act shall be deprived of the retirement benefit provided herein due to failure of the DILG and the GSIS to promulgate the rules mandated in this Section.

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

Section 6. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

Section 7. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general.

APPROVED.