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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The barangay, as the basic political unit, plays a significant role in the country's economic development and nation-building efforts. With the enactment of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the country's 41,882 barangays began to assume even greater responsibilities with corresponding powers vested in them in line with the intent of local autonomy.

In recent years, the barangay serves as the closest organized local unit for the people. They are in the first line of access in terms of delivering basic services. In the Local Government Code of 1991, the role of barangay officials is aptly recognized as they play the day-to-day operations of governance. They are active in providing round-the-clock security, threshing out the differences amongst neighbors in the Katarungang Pambarangay enforcement of basic laws and policies on safety and disaster and other concerns, among others.

This legislation augments the meager compensation and benefits enjoyed by the barangay officials by making them part and covered by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS). It is a token merit for the untold sacrifices and dedications of the thousand of barangay officials.

Early cognizant of this policy measure is earnestly recommended.

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**AN ACT INCLUDING BARANGAY OFFICIALS WITHIN THE
COVERAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE
SYSTEM (GSIS)**

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

SECTION 1. The coverage of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) is hereby expanded by including barangay officials as members of the System.

The GSIS in consultation and coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the league representing barangay captains and officials, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act. The rules and regulations shall cover the rate of premiums which may be taken out from the monthly honoraria of the barangay officials and the manner of its payment, the extent of insurance coverage, the contributions to be collected from barangay officials concerned and the possible contributions of provinces, cities and municipalities, possible fund that may be sourced from the General Appropriations Act, and other issues of significance.

SECTION 2. Any other provision of law, decree, order or rules and regulations inconsistent with the, provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.