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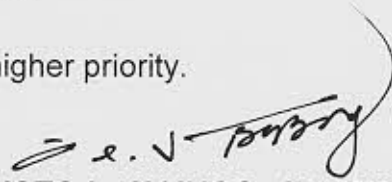
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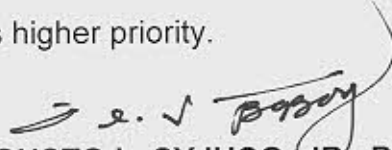
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AN ACT AMENDING PRESEDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1146, AS AMENDED, EXPANDING AND INCREASING THE COVERAGE AND BENEFITS OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM TO INCLUDE ELECTED AND APPOINTED BARANGAY OFFICIALS, BARANGAY TANODS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 (i) of Presidential Decree No. 1146, as amended, otherwise known as the "revised Government Service Insurance Act of 1977", is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"(i) Compensation- The basic pay or salary received by an employee, pursuant to his election/appointment, excluding per diems, bonuses, overtime pay, honoraria, allowances and any other emoluments received in addition to the basic pay which are not integrated into the basic pay under existing laws. **PROVIDED, THAT IN THE CASE OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED BARANGAY OFFICIALS, BARANGAY TANODS THEIR COMPENSATIONS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPUTING THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND FOR SUCH OTHER PURPOSES PURSUANT TO THIS ACT, SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE HONORARIA, ALLOWANCES AND SUCH OTHER EMOLUMENTS AS MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY LAW OR BARANGAY, MUNICIPAL OR CITY ORDINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991.**"

SECTION 2. Section 3 of Presidential Decree No. 1146, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"B. MEMBERSHIP IN THE GSIS

SECTION 3. Compulsory Membership. – Membership in the GSIS shall be optional, and shall not be compulsory, for all employees receiving compensation who have not reached the compulsory retirement age, irrespective of employment status, INCLUDING ELECTED AND APPOINTED BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND BARANGAY

TANODS BUT EXCLUDING (except) members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police, subject to the other social security protection such as disability, survivorship, separation, and unemployment benefits.”

SECTION 4. The GSIS, in consultation and coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the league representing barangay officials and tanods, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act. The rules and regulations shall cover the rate of premiums and the manner of its payment, the extent of insurance coverage, the contributions to be collected from barangay officials and tanod concerned and the possible contributions of provinces, cities and municipalities thereto.

SECTION 5. Any other provision of law, decree, order or regulations inconsistent with provisions of this Act hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Approved,