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Introduced by the HON. MARK A. VILLAR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The *Barangay Tanods* are the protectors of the smallest unit of local government. They are the immediate guardians of the security and safety of the people in our *barangays*. They ensure the peace and order of each *barangay*.

Despite their unconditional service to the people, they seem to be unrecognized by the people. It is for this reason that we give them acknowledgement by giving them simple incentives and benefits which could help them and their family in their daily needs.

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


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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR INCENTIVES TO BARANGAY TANODS
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines in Congress Assembled;

SECTION 1. Title. This Act shall be known as the ***"Tanod Incentive Act of 2012"***.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code, provides that: *"The barangay serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled."* (Sec. 384).

To achieve this objective, the State shall adopt measures and provide such incentives not only to help ensure the faithful performance of the duties and functions of *barangay tanods* but also to raise their quality of life.

SECTION 3. Tax Exemption. All amounts received by the *barangay tanods* as salaries, wages, compensation, remuneration, and other emoluments, such as honoraria and allowance shall be exempt from income taxation. Gross benefits received by *barangay tanods*, of whatever kind or character, shall likewise be exempt from taxation.

SECTION 4. Stipend. Each *Barangay Tanod* shall be given a minimum amount of Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500) monthly as an additional stipend.

SECTION 5. GSIS Benefits Coverage. All *Barangay Tanods* shall be considered as members of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and shall be covered with life insurance and social security protection, including retirement, disability, separation, and unemployment benefits and such other benefits as may extend by the GSIS, subject to limitations provided by law.

The GSIS shall make special provisions in order to facilitate the inclusion of *barangay tanods*.

SECTION 6. Health Benefits. Government medical and health insurance programs under RA 7875, as amended by RA 9241, otherwise known as the National Health Insurance Program," shall include in their coverage free basic health services and medicines to *barangay tanods*.

SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), in coordination and consultation with the Department of Health (DOH), the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and other appropriate agencies concerned shall promulgate the rules or guidelines as may be necessary for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. Any provision declared as unconstitutional shall not affect the validity of all other provisions not specifically declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. Any laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. Effectivity Clause. This law shall take effect 15 days after its complete publication in the three newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.