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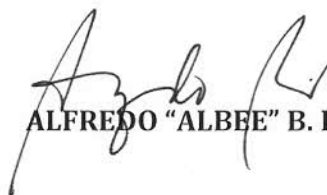
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide retirement pay for Barangay officials and for those who are working for the Barangay on a voluntary basis such as Barangay Tanods, Barangay Health Workers and Day Care workers.

Barangay workers are in the frontline of government services in the grassroots. They deliver the much needed basic social services to the people and maintain peace and order. However, given the limited resources of our government, these Barangay front liners also receive the least compensation. This reality has not discouraged some of our fellow Filipinos to serve their respective Barangays and some have even stayed in barangay work for many years.

This bill seeks to create a Barangay Retirement Fund (BRF) which shall be used to fund the retirement of Barangay officials, including Barangay Tanods, members of the Lupon ng Tagapamayapa, Barangay Health Workers and Barangay Day care Workers. The passage of this measure will be in recognition of those who have provided genuine service and hard work to their Barangays for many years.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT PROVIDING ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKERS, A LUMP SUM RETIREMENT PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) YEAR HONORARIUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

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

SECTION 1. Section 393 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials. - (a) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the lupong tagapamayapa, shall receive honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments as may be authorized by law or barangay, municipal or city ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this Code, but in no case shall it be less than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) per month for the punong barangay and Six Hundred pesos (P600.00) per month for the sangguniang barangay members, barangay treasurer, and barangay secretary: *Provided, however,* That the annual appropriations for personal services shall be subject to the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five, Book II of this Code.

"(b) x x x

"(1) x x x

"(2) x x x

"(3) **BE ENTITLED TO A LUMP SUM RETIREMENT PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) YEAR HONORARIUM, BUT IN NO CASE SHALL EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) TO BE TAKEN FROM THE BARANGAY RETIREMENT FUND; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT A RETIREE IS AT LEAST SIXTY (60) YEARS OF AGE WITH A MINIMUM OF NINE (9) YEARS IN SERVICE AT THE TIME OF THE RETIREMENT.**

"AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE TERM 'RETIREE' SHALL INCLUDE ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMYAPA, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKERS.

"[(3)] (4) x x x

"[(4)] (5) x x x

"[(5)] (6) x x x

"(c) x x x

"(d) x x x

SEC. 2. *Barangay Retirement Fund Created.* – There is hereby created a Barangay Retirement Fund (BRF) which shall be used to fund the retirement of Barangay officials mentioned in this Act. The amount equivalent to one percent (1%) of the share of the national government under Section 284 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, shall be used for this purpose.

The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall administer and ensure the appropriate disbursement of the Fund.

SEC. 3. *Rules and Regulations* – The Department of Budget and Management, in coordination with the DILG, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,