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Introduced by **Hon. Sol Aragon**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

R.A. 7883 is The Barangay Health Workers' (BHW) Benefits and Incentives Act of 1995 and is the law that grants benefits and incentives to accredited BHWs for voluntary health services rendered to the community.

A *barangay* health worker is defined as a person who has undergone training programs under any accredited government and non-government organization and who primarily renders health care services voluntarily in the community after having been accredited to function as such by the concerned Local Health Board in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the Department of Health. In order for BHWs to be entitled to benefits and incentives, they must register with their respective Local Health Board.

Barangay health workers are essential in making possible community and individual access to health information and services necessary for a healthier populace. These health workers aid in educating the people in the grass roots in areas such as maternal and child health, family planning, and nutrition. They are especially valuable in the far flung provinces where government hospitals and doctors are several hours away. They are both at the frontline and are the only semblance of public health care in many corners of our country.

In appreciation of these efforts by our barangay health workers, there is a need to amend the law to improve the benefits that they are entitled to.

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**AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883**

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

SECTION 1. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 7883, also known as "An Act Granting Benefits and Incentives to Accredited Barangay Health Workers and for Other Purposes", is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 6. *Incentives and Benefits.* - In recognition of their services, all accredited barangay health workers who are actively and regularly performing their duties shall be entitled to the following incentives and benefits:

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F. MONTHLY HONORARIUM. - A BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER SHALL RECEIVE A MONTHLY HONORARIUM OF FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (P4,000.00). THIS SHALL BE SOURCED FROM THE FUNDS OF THE BARANGAY CONCERNED.

G. MANDATORY INSURANCE. - A BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH MANDATORY ACCIDENT INSURANCE BY THE CONCERNED LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT.

SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 3. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,