

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 499



Introduced by **Hon. Rodolfo G. Biazon**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Local Government Code of 1991 mandated the local government units to discharge functions and responsibilities of national agencies and offices devolved to them, including the provision of basic services at the barangay level – such as health care.

In 1995, Republic Act No. 7883 was enacted to boost the local government's efforts with regard to the provision of health care services at the barangay level. The law, recognizing the importance of providing health care services to people in the barangay through the primary health care approach, granted benefits and incentives to accredited barangay health workers to help fulfill our government's health care objectives.

While the passage of RA 7883 has indeed improved the administration of health services down to the grassroots, something may still be done to improve on these gains.

This bill seeks to amend Section 6 of RA 7883, by granting travel allowances to barangay health workers to aid in the fulfillment of their duties. This token amount, admittedly, cannot markedly improve the financial position of health workers. It can, however, help defray the cost of transportation that they incur in the performance of their duties. More importantly, it will also exhibit our local governments' appreciation of their heroic efforts.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodolfo G. Biazon".

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AN ACT
GRANTING TRAVEL ALLOWANCES TO BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS 'THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS' BENEFITS AND
INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995,' AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The following paragraph is hereby inserted after Section 6(b) of Republic Act No. 7883:

"SEC. 6. Incentives and Benefits.

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(C) "TO AID IN THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR DUTIES, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00) PER MONTH, SUBJECT TO LIQUIDATION."

Sec. 2. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 3. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,