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House Bill No. **973**



Introduced by **MAGDALO Party List Representatives Francisco Ashley L. Acedillo and Gary C. Alejano**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Barangay Tanods are the partners of our local police in the maintenance of our local peace and order and in the promotion of public safety in every barangay. Their jobs require them to be on call twenty-four (24) hours a day. They are always in the front lines whenever there is a disturbance in the barangay. They bravely face hazards despite their lack of arms and defenses and faithfully perform the tasks they swore to discharge.

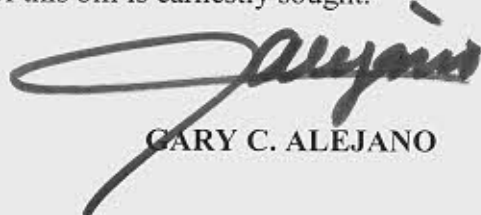
It is very unfortunate, however, that our existing laws have not fully recognized their sacrifices and worth to our communities. Although they are given some benefits, these are not enough to commensurate with the risk they encounter in the performance of their duties.

This proposed measure seeks to increase the benefits presently received by our Barangay Tanods by providing them with Christmas Bonus equivalent to one-half (1/2) of what the present Punong Barangay is receiving; insurance coverage equivalent to three-fourth (3/4) of what the Punong Barangay is receiving; free legal services from government lawyers for criminal or civil cases filed against them in the performance of their duties; fifty percent (50%) discount in tuition and matriculation fees for his legitimate and legally adopted children attending any state colleges and universities; and preference in the availment of and or membership in barangay livelihood and development projects.

The upgrading of the benefits and incentives afforded to our Barangay Tanods recognizes the vital role that they play in the maintaining peace and order and social stability in our barangays.

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


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AN ACT
UPGRADING THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES OF BARANGAY TANOD
MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENDERED AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF SERVICE IN THE
BARANGAY GOVERNMENT

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The State recognizes the Barangay Tanod, duly created under the provision
2 of the Local Government Code, as an indispensable instrument in barangay government,
3 particularly in the latter's role in the maintenance and protection of peace and security and the
4 promotion of public safety within the barangay.

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6 **SEC. 2.** As used herein, a Barangay Tanod, means a brigade or body composed of
7 civilian volunteers, duly created at the barangay level, to assist the barangay officials in the
8 effective exercises of law enforcement for the maintenance of peace and order and the promotion
9 of public safety.

10 Barangay Tanod members refer to civilian volunteers, duly appointed by the sangguniang
11 barangay, irrespective of the number thereof.

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13 **SEC. 3.** Without in any way diminishing the benefits and privileges already granted by
14 the Local Government and other related laws, a member of the Barangay Tanod who has
15 rendered continuous service for at least one year in any barangay shall, during his incumbency be
16 entitled to the following:

1 (a) Christmas bonus equivalent to at least one half (1/2) of what the punong barangay is
2 receiving, as mandated by law or ordinance;

3 (b) An insurance coverage equivalent to three-fourths (3/4) of that received by the punong
4 barangay, in accordance with Republic Act Sixty Nine Forty Two (RA 6942) otherwise known as "An
5 Act Increasing the Insurance Benefits Of Local Government Officials and Providing Funds Therefor" or
6 the amount provided for under Section 393 (d) of the Local Government Code, whichever is higher;

7 (c) Free legal services from government lawyers for criminal and civil cases filed against him,
8 arising from acts committed in the performance of his duties. Provided, that such legal services shall
9 continue, even after the term of the barangay tanod member as long as the subject of the cases filed
10 against him arises from acts committed in the performance of his duties;

11 (d) Fifty (50%) percent discount in tuition and matriculation fees for his legitimate or legally
12 adopted children attending any recognized state colleges and universities. Provided that his legitimate or
13 legally adopted children can continue to avail of this educational benefit even if he no longer serve as a
14 barangay tanod for at least two (2) years and was not removed for cause as provided in Section 5 hereof,
15 and;

16 (e) Preference in the availment of and/ or membership in barangay livelihood and development
17 projects, whether initiated by the National Government or the local government units.

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19 **SEC. 4.** A Barangay Tanod member who is yet to render service as such, to any barangay
20 for a period of one (1) year shall receive the benefits and privileges as mandated by the Local
21 Government Code.

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23 **SEC. 5.** A Barangay Tanod once appointed shall not be removed as such nor his services
24 be terminated, except for causes enumerated by the barangay resolution creating the Barangay
25 Tanod, which shall take into consideration the integrity, responsibility and accountability in
26 barangay service of the barangay tanod concerned. The decision to remove a barangay tanod for
27 cause shall rest upon the decision of the sangguniang barangay concerned.

1 **SEC. 6.** Such sums as may be necessary for the implementation of the provision of this
2 Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not
3 otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, the amount needed to implement this Act shall be included in
4 the annual General Appropriations Act of the Department of Interior and Local Government.

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6 **SEC. 7.** All general and special laws, acts, city or municipal ordinances, executive
7 orders, proclamations and administrative regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with
8 any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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10 **SEC. 8.** The Department of Interior and Local Government shall issue the necessary rules
11 and regulations to implement this Act.

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13 **SEC. 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen days after the completion of its publication in
14 the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,