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Introduced by Representative Harlin Cast. Abayon
First District of Northern Samar

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The present government insurance coverage pursuant to Republic Act. No. 8291 (An Act Amending PD 1146 as amended, expanding and increasing the coverage and benefits of GSIS, instituting reforms therein, and for other purposes) covering all government officials is inadequate with regard to the payment of medical, death, and burial expenses. This bill seeks to provide additional insurance benefits to barangay captains over and above what they are currently receiving under the GSIS in recognition of their contribution to the community and as an encouragement for them to honestly continue their public service.

This measure was previously filed by Senator Panfilo Lacson in the 15th Congress. Passage of this Bill is earnestly sought now in the 16th Congress.

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AN ACT
GRANTING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO BARANGAY CAPTAINS,
PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ITS PREMIUMS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Additional Barangay Captains' Insurance Act of 2013".

SEC. 2. *Additional Insurance Benefits for Barangay Captains.* - In addition to the insurance benefits given to the Barangay Captains by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) under Republic Act No. 8291, a term insurance coverage to all barangay captains providing the following benefits shall be granted:

1. Death Benefits (200,000)

- (a) due to assassination or ambush
- (b) due to accidents and other similar circumstances while in the discharge of their official functions

2. Burial Expenses (50,000)

3. Reimbursement of Actual Medical Expenses (not to exceed 100,000) on ambushes, attempted assassinations not resulting in death, accidents and other similar circumstances while in the discharge of their official functions.

SEC. 3. *Disqualification from benefits.* - No benefits shall be given to any barangay captain or his beneficiaries when the injury, sickness or death was occasioned or caused by any of the following:

- (a) habitual drunkenness or intoxication;
- (b) willful intention to injure or kill oneself;
- (c) notorious negligence;
- (d) unauthorized absence or abandonment of office for at least one (1) month prior to death or accident.

SEC. 4. *Actuarial Study.* - The GSIS shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, conduct an actuarial study to determine the premiums to be paid corresponding to the benefits to be received by the barangay captains in accordance with the schedule provided in Section 2.

SEC. 5. *Appropriation.* - The National Government shall appropriate annually and include in the General Appropriations Act an amount corresponding to the total annual insurance premiums of the barangay captains based on the actuarial study under Section 4 hereof.

SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The GSIS, in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* - If for any reason any provision or section of this Act is declared unconstitutional, such portions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,