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HOUSE BILL NO. **1520**



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INTRODUCED BY HON. MARCELINO "MARCY" R. TEODORO

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The barangay may be the smallest political unit in the country, but it is without a doubt the most significant in reaching out to the public and responding to immediate parochial needs.

Admittedly, it is declared a policy of the State to promote and enhance the efficiency and responsiveness of barangay officials including barangay tanods. Barangay Tanods, duly created under the Local Government Code, have an indispensable role in the barangay government specifically in the maintenance and protection of peace and security and the promotion of public safety within the barangay.

Indeed, the barangay brings the government directly to the people, serving as the primary planning and implementing arm of the government in terms of implementation of programs, projects and activities in the community, and as a forum for exchange of collective views, allowing the people to articulate their concerns and sentiments, settle their differences and collectively participate in improving the conditions of their community.

As of the first quarter of 2012, the National Statistics Coordination Board reported that there are a total of 42,027 barangays all over the Philippines. Given their peculiar needs, the Congress should enact measures that shall strengthen further their mandate, and economic and political building capabilities, as well as, support the people maintaining the barangays in order to make them much more efficient and responsive.

The proposed measure seeks to provide insurance benefits to barangay tanods, and to increase the amount of insurance benefits by fifty percent (50%) to one hundred percent (100%) of local government officials.

In light of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Marcelino Teodoro".

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AN ACT  
PROVIDING INSURANCE BENEFITS TO BARANGAY TANODS AND INCREASING  
THE AMOUNT OF COVERAGE OF INSURANCE BENEFITS OF LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE, REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
6942 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 6942 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. *Coverage of the Act.* - Every Punong Barangay, sangguniang barangay member, chairman of kabataang barangay, barangay secretary [and], barangay treasurer and BARANGAY TANODS and every member of sangguniang panlalawigan, sangguniang panglunsod and sangguniang bayan, duly elected or appointed, and duly qualified, who does not receive a fixed salary during his incumbency, shall be automatically covered by this Act; *Provided*, that the moment said official receives a fixed salary whether in the same capacity or by virtue of a permanent appointment in any other government office or by election to another public office, his coverage under this Act shall automatically cease and shall then be covered by the appropriate law. Any of the above mentioned local officials who shall automatically lose coverage or cease to be covered by by this Act by virtue of termination or resignation from office for any lawful cause shall have the option to continue the coverage by paying the required premiums thereon."

**SEC. 2. *Increase in Insurance Benefits.*** - All the insurance benefits afforded to all local officials covered by the provisions of Republic Act No. 6942 shall be increased by at least fifty percent (50%), but not more than one hundred percent (100%) of the percent rate.

**SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) in consultation with the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) shall craft the implementing rules and regulations of the provisions of this Act.

**SEC. 4. *Source of Funds.*** -The amount necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be charged to the fund of the DILG under the current General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or any part hereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

**SEC. 6. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,