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Introduced by HON. LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA
4TH DISTRICT, BULACAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As community leaders and pro-active participants in governance and public service, frontliners in the preservation of peace and order, as well as arbiters in civil and criminal disputes, the punong barangays should be reasonably compensated to encourage them to better perform their legally mandated duties and responsibilities, even better in the service of country and people.

Presently, however, Republic Act NO. 8291, otherwise known as An Act Amending P.D. NO. 1146, as amended, Expanding and Increasing Reforms therein and for other purposes, otherwise known as the "Government Service Insurance Act of 1997" is inadequate in terms of defraying the rising cost of medical, death and burial expenses to punong barangays.

This bill addresses this concern by providing for additional insurance benefits to barangay captains on top of what they are currently receiving under the GSIS law, in recognition for their contribution to the barangay and the larger community where they are assigned.

This bill was filed during the 15th Congress and was referred to the House Committee on Local Government. Due to time constraints however, no further action was taken on it. This bill is filed for the consideration of the 16th Congress.

Support for the enactment of this measure is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO PUNONG
BARANGAYS AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ITS
PREMIUMS

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Additional Insurance
for Punong Barangays Act of 2013”.

SEC. 2. *Additional Insurance Benefits for Punong Barangays.* – In addition to the
insurance benefits given to the punong barangays by the Government Service Insurance
System (GSIS), under Republic Act NO. 8291, the term insurance coverage to all punong
barangays providing the following benefits shall be granted:

(1) Death benefits due to (a) assassination or ambush (b) accidents and other similar circumstances while in the discharge of their official functions	Php 400,000.00
(2) Attempted assassination not resulting in death but resulting in serious physical injury	80,000.00
(3) Burial expenses	80,000.00
(4) Reimbursement of actual medical expenses not to exceed	300,000.00

SEC. 3. *Disqualification from availment of Benefits.* – No benefit shall be given to any punong barangay 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; or
- (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 punong barangays in accordance with the schedule provided for under Section 2 hereof.

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

SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The GSIS, in coordination with the Department of the 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 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 Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,