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HOUSE BILL NO. 1672



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay tanods or barangay peace and safety officer (BPSO) are the watchmen of our barangays. They perform their duty as barangay level police and law enforcement officers. Thus, they are the front-liners in responding to public disorders, disasters, emergencies and all other situation that disrupt the peace, order and safety of their respective barangays. Courageously, they face these situations as first response team and as barangay-level police armed with mere baton, notwithstanding the fact they are volunteers. With every risk and unselfish desire to serve their barangay, they are the unsung heroes in our daily lives.

Sadly, being mere volunteers, they are not accorded the benefits they need and suitable to their significance in the barangay. In fact, barangay tanods are paid depending on the fund the barangay, city or municipality is able to provide as fund. It is unfortunate and disheartening that these front-liners in very disruption in peace, emergencies and disasters, they are fully accorded the benefits they deserve. More importantly, they also have a family to support, mouths to feed and children to send to school. Without full protection to what is due to their everyday service to the public, it is difficult to encourage any members of the barangay to take part in the initiative of nation-building and involvement in socio-civic activities towards nationalism.

In this regard, barangay tanods also deserves improved quality of life as a State Policy. (Section 9, Article 2 of the 1987 Constitution) Thus, this bill is filed to honor each and every barangay tanod in the Philippines by providing them bonus, insurance coverage and assurance of protection in case of legal embattlement. More importantly, subsidy in matriculation fee for their children will surely aid them in alleviating their lives for the better. In addition, to enable them further as productive members of our nation, they shall

be given priority in any livelihood programs available. In this manner, we are fully providing them the comfort of having an improved quality of living.

Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT UPGRADING THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES OF BARANGAY TANOD BRIGADES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 393 (d) OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991.

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

SECTION 1. Section 292 (d) of Republic Act 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(d) All duly appointed members of the barangay tanod brigades, or their equivalent, which shall number not more than twenty (20) in each baranggay, [shall be granted insurance or other benefits during their incumbency, chargeable to the barangay or the city or municipal government to which the barangay belongs.] AND WHO HAS RENDERED CONTINUOUS SERVICE FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR IN THE BARANGAY SHALL, DURING HIS INCUMBENCY BE ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING:

(I) CHRISTMAS BONUS EQUIVALENT TO AT LEAST ONE HALF (1/2) OF WHAT THE PUNONG BARANGAY IS RECEIVING, AS MANDATED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE;

(II) AN INSURANCE COVERAGE EQUIVALENT TO THREE-FOURTHS (3/4) OF THE RECEIVED BY THE PUNONG- BARANGAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT SIXTY NINE FORTY TWO (RA 6942) OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT INCREASING THE INSURANCE BENEFITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

(111) FREE LEGAL SERVICES FROM GOVERNMENT LAWYERS FOR CRIMINAL AND CIVIL CASES FILED AGAINST HIM, ARISING FROM ACTS COMMITTED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES; *PROVIDED*, THAT SUCH LEGAL SERVICES SHALL CONTINUE, EVEN AFTER THE TERM OF THE BARANGAY TANOD MEMBER, UNTIL ITS FINAL DISPOSITION;

(IV) FIFTY PERCENT (50%) DISCOUNT IN TUITION AND MATRICULATION FEES FOR HIS LEGITIMATE AND LEGALLY ADOPTED CHILDREN, NOT EXCEEDING FOUR (4), ATTENDING ANY RECOGNIZED STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES;

(V) PREFERENCE IN THE AVAILMENT OF AND/OR MEMBERSHIP IN BARANGAY LIVELIHOOD AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, WHETHER INITIATED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

SEC 2. The necessary amount for the implementation of the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, the amount needed shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations of the Department of Interior and Local Government.

SEC 3. All laws, acts, city or municipal ordinances, executive orders, proclamations and administrative regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed *or* modified accordingly.

SEC 4. The Department of Interior and Local Government shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,