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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
H. No. 2323

Introduced by Representative Teodorico T. Haresco Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 393, Chapter IV, Book III of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates that "*barangay* officials, including ***barangay tanods***, shall receive honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments, as may be authorized by law or *barangay*, municipal or city ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this Code, but in no case shall it be less than One thousand pesos (P1,000.00) per month for the punong *barangay* and Six hundred pesos (P600.00) per month for the sangguniang *barangay* members, *barangay* treasurer, and *barangay* secretary."

As of March 31, 2010¹, the Philippines has 42,025 *barangays*, which is the smallest political unit of the nation. It serves as the channel of the government in delivering its services to the citizenry. This proposed legislation recognizes the role of the *barangay* officials, specifically the ***barangay tanods*** as significant government employees who make democracy work at the grass roots level. They are in fact the frontliners who make sure government policies, projects and programs are properly implemented in the community. However, the Local Government Code of 1991 made no mention regarding the mandatory monthly emoluments that ***barangay tanods*** shall receive.

In acknowledgement of the vital and noteworthy duty of ***barangay tanods***, this bill seeks augment their meager salaries by granting all ***barangay tanods*** with an additional monthly allowance of Php 500.00.


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¹ National Statistical Coordination Board. Retrieved from http://www.nscb.gov.ph/pressreleases/2010/PR-201005-PP2-01_PSGC.asp

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AN ACT
GRANTING FIVE HUNDRED (P500.00) PESOS MONTHLY ALLOWANCE TO
ALL BARANGAY TANODS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to grant all *barangay* officials, including *barangay tanods* honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments, as may be authorized by law.

SECTION 2. Registered *barangay tanods* of every *barangay* shall receive an additional monthly allowance of Five Hundred (P500.00) Pesos.

SECTION 3. Every *barangay* unit shall be entitled to enlist the services of a maximum of ten (10) *barangay tanods* whose names and dates of service shall be properly recorded and forwarded to the city/municipal authorities by the *barangay* secretary or the *barangay* chairman, for monitoring purposes.

SECTION 4. The amount of allowance provided herein is separate from any other form of remuneration that the *barangay tanods* might receive from their respective cities/municipalities.

SECTION 5. The funds covering the amount of allowance shall be released to the *barangays* which shall create a Trust Fund for this purpose. The *barangay* shall effect the payment to the *barangay tanods* in a manner similar to the payment of wages of other *barangay* officials.

SECTION 6. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be funded out of the appropriation of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) under the current Appropriations Act. Thereafter, this item shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 7. The Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), in consultation with the *Liga ng mga Barangay*, shall, within thirty (30) days from effectivity of this Act, issue such rules and regulations necessary for the proper implementation of the provisions of this law.

SECTION 8. Any law, presidential decree, issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule and regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 9. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected hereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect ten (10) days following its complete publication in any national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,