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EXPLANATORY NOTE

As the basic political unit, the barangay serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community, and the barangay officials perform these and other value-adding roles.

Usually the first to be approached by needy constituents for a wide range of issues including marital rifts between couples, most barangay officials are known to observe 24-hour work schedules.

But despite the evident importance, significance and extent of their roles, barangay officials enjoy limited benefits and emoluments; the allowances and benefits that they do receive are not commensurate to the quality and range of services and assistance they extend to the community, while the economic benefits derived from the fixed monetary allowances provided under the Local Government Code since its enactment have long since been eroded by inflationary forces.

Legislation is therefore needed to provide additional non-monetary benefits that can augment their income but which can stand the passage of time and the effects of inflation.

Strong support for the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL NON-MONETARY ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 393 (a) Book III TITLE ONE OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

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

SECTION 1. Title. – This shall be known as “An Act Granting Additional Non-Monetary Economic Benefits and Privileges to Barangay Officials”

SECTION 2. Section 393 (a), Book III Title One of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines, is hereby amended to include numbered subsections which shall read:

SEC. 393. *Benefits of Barangay Officials.* –

(a) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the lupong tagapamayapa, 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 (P=1,000.00) per month for the punong barangay and Six hundred pesos (P=600.00) per month for the sangguniang barangay members, barangay treasurer, and barangay secretary: Provided, however, That the annual appropriations for personal services shall be subject to the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five, Book II of this Code;

1. THE GRANT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) DISCOUNT AND EXEMPTION FROM THE VALUE -ADDED TAX (VAT), IF APPLICABLE, ON THE SALE OF THE FOLLOWING GOODS AND SERVICES FROM ALL ESTABLISHMENTS, FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OR AVAILMENT OF THE ELECTED OR APPOINTED BARANGAY OFFICIAL;

- (a) ON THE PURCHASE OF MEDICINES, AND SUCH OTHER ESSENTIAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES, ACCESSORIES AND EQUIPMENT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH);**
- (b) ON THE PROFESSIONAL FEES OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN/S IN ALL PRIVATE HOSPITALS, MEDICAL FACILITIES, OUTPATIENT CLINICS AND HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES;**
- (c) IN ACTUAL FARE FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION TRAVEL IN PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES (PUBS), PUBLIC UTILITY JEEPNEYS (PUJS), TAXIS, ASIAN UTILITY VEHICLES (AUVS), SHUTTLE SERVICES AND PUBLIC RAILWAYS, INCLUDING LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT), MASS RAIL TRANSIT (MRT), AND PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS (PNR);**
- (d) ON THE PURCHASE NOT EXCEEDING PHP2,000.00 PER MONTH OF BASIC COMMODITIES FOR HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION;**

- (e) ON ADMISSION FEES CHARGED BY THEATERS, CINEMA HOUSES AND CONCERT HALLS, CIRCUSES, LEISURE AND AMUSEMENT.
2. THE GRANT OF 20% DISCOUNT ON FUNERAL AND BURIAL SERVICES FOR THE DEATH OF THE INCUMBENT BARANGAY OFFICIAL.
3. THE GRANT OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BY WAY OF 10% DISCOUNT OF THE TOTAL SEMESTRAL FEE PER SEMESTER TO BARANGAY OFFICIALS TO PURSUE POST SECONDARY, TERTIARY, POST TERTIARY, VOCATIONAL OR TECHNICAL EDUCATION, AS WELL AS SHORT-TERM COURSES IN STATE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES OF THEIR PREFERENCE, AS PREPARATORY STEP TO THEIR RETURN TO PRIVATE CIVILIAN LIFE AFTER THEIR TERM OF ELECTIVE OR APPOINTIVE OFFICE ENDS, PROVIDED, THAT THE BARANGAY OFFICIAL SHALL MEET MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS;

SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. -

Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DILG shall formulate and adopt amendments to the existing rules and regulations implementing Republic Act No. 7160 to carry out the objectives of this Act, in consultation with the Department of Finance, the Department of Health, Department of Transportation and Communication, Department of Education, TESDA, and the Commission on Higher Education.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All laws, decrees, rules, and regulations or parts thereof, which are contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If any part or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.