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HOUSE BILL NO. 3603



Introduced by **Representative Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

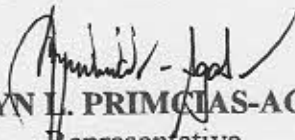
The barangay is the smallest administrative division in the country. Such communities existed even before the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors in the 16th century. Derived from the Malay *balangay*, meaning sailboat, barangays were known to be an organized and independent community, with its own political system, technology, and religion.

Today, tens of thousands of barangays compose the countries' cities and municipalities. As recognized by the Local Government Code of 1991 "the barangay serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled."

Section 393 of the Local Government Code mandates that barangay officials, including barangay tanod, shall receive honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments, as may be authorized by law or ordinance.

This bill proposes the granting of a monthly allowance amounting One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00) to barangay tanods. This is to show appreciation for their vital involvement in providing basic services to the residents of the barangay.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
GRANTING ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P1,500.00) 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 tanods a monthly allowance of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00). Provided however, if the local government is not able to provide the necessary amount to cover the said allowance due insufficient revenues, the sanggunian of the local government concerned shall provide for a reasonable amount to cover the same.

SECTION 2. 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 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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 8. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected hereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect ten (10) days following its complete publication in any national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,