

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**SIXTEENTH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3860



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**Introduced by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Basic social and government services depend largely on the role of barangay officials who are at the forefront of public service and their time, energy, and resources are channelled to resolve the everyday concerns of barangay folks. Said officials dedicate their life's work to ensure that all those who walk into their offices to bring before them their domestic and social issues are well attended to. They are the bridges that gap household and neighborhood misunderstandings. They make possible the amicable settlement of community members having disputes with one another. They cheer up and bring comfort to those afflicted by misfortunes.

The bill is underpinned by the fact that there are opportunity costs when barangay officials perform their duties and responsibilities that go beyond the call of their duties in order to bring to their constituents the highest form of service that they call for.

An increase on the allowance of barangay officials would just be a small gesture on the part of the government to recognize their essential role as agents of government to effect national development.

The immediate passage of this bill is most fervently prayed for.

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Winnie Castelo, written in black ink. The signature is written over a large, faint circular outline.

**WINNIE CASTELO**

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**AN ACT**  
**MANDATING AN INCREASE ON THE ALLOWANCE OF ALL BARANGAY LUPON,**  
**BSDO, AND BARANGAY STAFF WHO HAVE SERVED FOR ONE (1) TERM,**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be provided an increase on allowance of all barangay lupon, BSDO, and barangay staff who have served for one (1) term.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual budget of the local government unit concerned.

SEC. 3. The rate of the increase as to be equitable shall be determined by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG).

SEC. 4. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as to diminish, in any manner, any benefit granted by existing laws, rules and regulations, local ordinances and other issuances especially favourable to barangay lupon, BSDO, and barangay staff.

SEC. 5. Within six (6) months from the approval of this Act, the DILG shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation which comes earlier.

*Approved,*

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Senior citizens have immensely contributed to nation building and dedicated their lives' work to the betterment of the community. For the longest time, they have been paying their taxes but have not recouped in material terms what is due them. Fact is, they continue to give without reproach and still work hard to improve their lot and that of their loved ones.

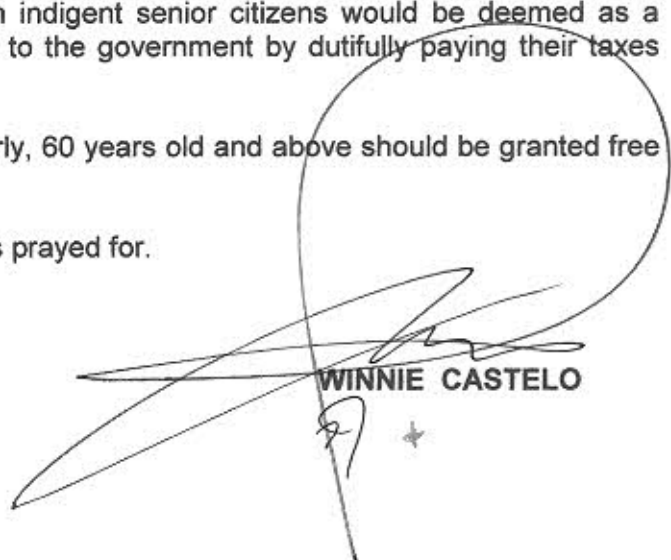
Unfortunately, existing laws have not amply addressed the various needs of senior citizens. Owing to their physical constitution, growing frail and sickly on account of their old age, their health requirements become more extensive and expensive.

It is for this reason that free Philhealth coverage is being sought on behalf of the indigent senior citizens. This free health coverage should be a gesture of the government to acknowledge their hard work across time and help them ease their burden of having to lay at the mercy of their ailments.

The grant of free Philhealth coverage on indigent senior citizens would be deemed as a refund on the labor, toil, and faithfulness to the government by dutifully paying their taxes during their heyday.

Hence, under this bill, every indigent elderly, 60 years old and above should be granted free Philhealth coverage.

The immediate passage of this measure is prayed for.

  
**WINNIE CASTELO**

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First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3861

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**Introduced by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo**

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**AN ACT**  
**GRANTING FREE PHILHEALTH COVERAGE TO INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Philhealth Coverage for Indigent Senior Citizens Act of 2014".

SEC. 2. Under this Act, every indigent senior citizen is hereby granted free Philhealth coverage.

SEC. 3. The Department of Health shall issue appropriate rules and regulations to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. All issuances, laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof not consistent with this Act are hereby repealed accordingly.

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

*Approved,*