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HOUSE BILL NO. 4652



Introduced by Representative **GIORGIDI B. AGGABAO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to recognize the huge role that our barangay officials play in the delivery of government service. There are 42,000 barangays in the country whose officials are in the frontline of public service. Our barangay officials are the first to respond to any emergency; they are on-call 24/7, ready to step in, even in the middle of the night, as arbitrators or mediators, whether in public disputes or in domestic squabbles.

It is ironical that despite the frontline public service being provided by our barangay officials to our people, said service is not considered government service under existing laws. They do not have any benefits except for the measly monthly honoraria they receive which is grossly disproportionate to the work they do.

It is time that due recognition and appreciation are accorded our barangay officials by classifying them as government employees and as such, are entitled to fixed salaries and benefits extended to government employees.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DECLARING BARANGAY OFFICIALS AS REGULAR GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES ENTITLED TO FIXED SALARIES, AND SUCH OTHER BENEFITS
AND INCENTIVES BEING ENJOYED BY REGULAR GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Barangay Officials as Government Employees.- The Punong Barangay, Sangguniang Barangay members, the Barangay Secretary and the Barangay Treasurer in all barangays are hereby declared as regular government employees and as such, are entitled to fixed salaries, allowances, and health insurance and such other benefits given to regular government employees.

SEC. 2. Salaries of Barangay Officials.- Each city or municipality , shall in coordination with all the barangays within their jurisdiction, undertake the necessary steps and measures for the approval of the necessary ordinance appropriating funds for the implementation of the fixed salaries to which the barangay officials shall be entitled, to wit:

- a.) Punong Barangay – an amount equivalent to eighty percent (80 %) of the salary of a Sangguniang Panglungsod/Bayan Member of the municipality;
- b.) Sangguniang Barangay member- an amount equivalent to seventy percent (70%) of the salary of a Sangguniang Panglungsod/Bayan member of the municipality ;
- c.) Barangay Secretary and Barangay Treasurer- an amount equivalent to fifty percent (50%) of the salary of a Sangguniang Panglungsod/Bayan member of the Municipality .

SEC. 3. Insurance, Health and Other Government Benefits Coverage.- All government insurance and health insurance coverage and pension benefits, such as but not limited to coverage under the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), PhilHealth, and Pag-ibig Fund shall be extended to all barangay officials referred to in Section 1 hereof.

Sec. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.-Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) , in coordination with the Department of Health, GSIS, PhilHealth and Pag-ibig Fund shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders and proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Separability Clause.- In the event that any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

Sec. 7. Effectivity.- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.