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EXPLANATORY NOTE

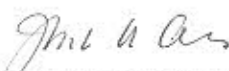
This bill seeks to provide benefits and security of tenure to barangay health workers who sacrifice and devotedly renders services in the delivery of basic and public service to our people.

Barangay health workers play a vital role to render health service to barangays especially to remote areas to the poor and indigent people who lack medical services for their family as well as to those who have less in life.

Republic Act 7783 or the Barangay Health Workers' Benefits and Incentives Act of 1995 was enacted wherein the Barangay Health Workers were considered as the front liners in providing health care services. This Act has no existing provision granting security of tenure and solely depends on the discretion and mercy of the favored appointing authority, hence, this piece of legislation seeks to remedy such conditions.

With the passage of this bill, there shall be security of tenure for these barangay health workers such that they may only be removed from office for valid or justified causes under existing Civil Service laws and regulations and only after due notice of hearing.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


ATTY. MERCEDES K. ALVAREZ

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Introduced by **HON. MERCEDES K. ALVAREZ**

AN ACT PROVIDING SECURITY OF TENURE FOR BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7883 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACTS OF 1995.

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

SECTION 1. A new provision shall be inserted between Sections 7 and 8 of Republic Act 7883 of the same act to be denominated as Section 7-A, which shall read as follows:

“SECTION 7-A. SECURITY OF TENURE OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS. - In addition to the incentives and benefits accorded to the Barangay Health Workers as provided under this Act, the Barangay Health Workers as accredited in accordance with Section 4 hereof shall enjoy and be afforded the security of tenure. No person duly accredited as barangay health workers shall be removed except for valid cause as prescribed under existing Civil Service rules and regulations and only after due notice and hearing.”

SECTION 2. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act to declared invalid, the remainder of any provision hereof not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, and other presidential issuances which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED: