



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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House Bill No. : **5389**

Introduced by Representative Nicanor M. Briones

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This act would like to provide for mandatory Philhealth coverage for all barangay officials, including the appointed ones as defined by the Local Government Code of 1991, employees, Members of the Lupon Tagapamayapa, Barangay Tanods, Barangay Health workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars.

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. The Punong Barangays maintain public order in the barangay, preside over sessions of the Sangguniang Barangay, and administer the operation of the Katarungang Pambarangay. Members of the Lupon Tagapamayapa hear and mediate disputes at the barangay level, thereby maintaining peace and order in the barangay. Barangay Tanods enforce all barangay ordinances and also take part in the maintenance of peace and order within the barangay. Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) have been the backbone of government health service delivery in the Philippines. Given this functions, barangay officials are responsible for the peaceful and productive community we live in.

In order that our Barangay Officials, Employees, Members of the Lupon Tagapamayapa, Tanods, Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars could serve its constituents better, the approval of this bill is strongly recommended.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY
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OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS OF THE LUPON
TAGAPAMAYAPA, TANODS, HEALTH WORKERS AND
BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS.**

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the state to promote the welfare of the Barangay Officials, Employees, Members of the Lupon Tagapamayapa, Tanods, Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars. In pursuit thereof, the State shall provide complete Philhealth benefits to all of the incumbent barangay officials, employees, members of the lupon tagapamayapa, tanods, health workers and barangay nutrition scholars.

SECTION 2. Coverage. – The Punong Barangay, Barangay Kagawads, Barangay Tanods, Barangay Secretaries, Barangay Treasurer, Members of the Lupon Tagapamayapa, duly- accredited Barangay Health workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars under Presidential Decree 1569 of all barangays of the Republic of the Philippines shall be covered by this Act.

SECTION 3. Philhealth Benefits. – All Barangay Officials, Employees, Members of the Lupon Tagapamayapa, Tanods, Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars stated in the previous section shall enjoy complete Philhealth coverage under the National Health Insurance Act of 1995.

SECTION 4. Appropriations. - The amount necessary to guarantee the enrolment of all Barangay Officials, Employees, Members of the Lupon Tagapamayapa, Tanods,

Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars not currently covered by any existing category shall be sourced from the National Insurance Fund of PhilHealth from the proceeds of Republic Act No.10351, in accordance with pertinent laws and regulations.

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

SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* – 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.

Approved,