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HOUSE BILL NO. 7755



Introduced by **Representatives Manuel Luis T. Lopez and Carlo V. Lopez**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Local Government Code of 1991 as implemented by Executive Order No. 332 and Local Budget Circular No. 63 dated October 22, 1996 ("LBC No. 63"), issued by the Department of Budget and Management, prescribes the rates of honorarium to be given to Barangay officials as compensation. According to LBC No. 63, the Punong Barangay shall be entitled to an honorarium which shall not exceed salary grade 14 while the honorarium for members of the Sanggunian Barangay, Barangay Secretary and Barangay Treasurer shall not exceed Salary Grade 10.

This is one of the causes why corruption is very prevalent at this level. Further, a number of drug and violence related crimes are committed in the various barangays as some of these officials are greatly susceptible to the acceptance of bribes and patronage politics in exchange for their giving 'protection' to certain individuals and businesses.

It also does not help that Barangay's often make it difficult for businesses to operate as it requires a number of clearances and permits. Thus, the red tape bureaucracy continues to prevail as the business owners and individuals would instead resort to paying an extra "premium" or giving out "facilitation fees" in order for them to conduct their business or profession.

This representation sees it fit to standardize the salaries of Barangay Officials by giving them a decent amount in order for them to properly and fully perform their functions and duties. By giving these officials a fixed wage including the benefits and privileges regular government officials enjoy, it will help promote a more stable source of livelihood and it will help deter them from seeking other extra-legal means of income.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 343 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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

SECTION 1. Section 393 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 393. Benefits of Elected Barangay Officials. - (a) Elected Barangay officials shall be entitled to receive a minimum monthly compensation as may be authorized by law. The compensation of the Punong Barangay shall correspond to Salary grade 20 provided however, that those Punong Barangays outside of Metro Manila and other Highly Urbanized Cities shall receive a minimum monthly compensation corresponding to Salary grade 19. The compensation of the sangguniang barangay members, barangay treasurer, and barangay secretary shall correspond to Salary grade 17 if within Metro Manila and other Highly Urbanized Cities otherwise it shall correspond to Salary grade 16: Provided, finally, That the annual appropriations for personal services shall be subject to the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five, Book II of this Code;

(b) The Punong Barangay, the Sangguniang Barangay members, the Barangay treasurer, and the Barangay secretary shall also:

1. Be entitled to Christmas bonus of at least Twenty Five Thousand pesos (P25,000.00) each for the Punong Barangay and at least Fifteen Thousand Pesos each for the Sangguniang Barangay

1 *members, the Barangay Treasurer and the Barangay Secretary, the*
2 *funds for which shall be taken from the general fund of the Barangay*
3 *or from such other funds appropriated by the national government for*
4 *the purpose;*

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6 *2. Be entitled, during their incumbency, to insurance*
7 *coverage which shall include, but shall not be limited to temporary*
8 *and permanent disability, double indemnity, accident insurance,*
9 *death and burial benefits, in accordance with Republic Act Numbered*
10 *Sixty-nine hundred forty-two (R.A. No. 6942), entitled "An Act*
11 *Increasing the Insurance Benefits of Local Government Officials and*
12 *Providing Funds Therefor";*
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14 *3. Be entitled to free medical care including subsistence,*
15 *medicines, and medical attendance in any government hospital or*
16 *institution: Provided, That such hospital care shall include surgery or*
17 *surgical expenses, medicines, X-rays, laboratory fees, and other*
18 *hospital expenses;*
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20 *In case of extreme urgency where there is no available government*
21 *hospital or institution, the Barangay official concerned may submit*
22 *himself for immediate medical attendance to the nearest private*
23 *clinic, hospital or institution and the expenses not exceeding Fifty*
24 *thousand pesos (P50,000.00) that may be incurred therein shall be*
25 *chargeable against the funds of the Barangay concerned;*
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27 *4. Be exempted during their incumbency from paying*
28 *tuition and matriculation fees for their legitimate dependent children*
29 *attending state colleges or universities. He may likewise avail of such*
30 *educational benefits in a state college or university located within the*
31 *province or city to which the Barangay belongs; and*
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33 *5. Be entitled to appropriate civil service eligibility on the*
34 *basis of the number of years of service to the Barangay, pursuant to*
35 *the rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission.*

36 *(c) Elective Barangay officials shall have preference in*
37 *appointments to any government position or in any government-*
38 *owned or -controlled corporations, including their subsidiaries, after*
39 *their tenure of office, subject to the requisite qualifications and the*
40 *provisions of the immediately preceding paragraph.*

41 *(d) All duly appointed members of the lupon tagapamayapa*
42 *and Barangay tanod brigades, or their equivalent, which shall number*
43 *not more than twenty (20) in each Barangay are entitled to a*
44 *minimum monthly compensation to be determined by Local*
45 *Government Unit concerned duly enacted through an ordinance. The*
46 *members of the lupon tagapamayapa and Barangay tanod brigades*

1 *shall be granted insurance or other benefits during their incumbency,*
2 *chargeable to the Barangay or the city or municipal government to*
3 *which the Barangay belongs. Provided, that the annual*
4 *appropriations for the minimum compensation of members of the*
5 *lupon tagapamayapa and Barangay tanod brigades, or their*
6 *equivalent, shall be subject to the budgetary limitations prescribed*
7 *under Title Five, Book II of this Code."*

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9 **SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within sixty (30) days from the
10 promulgation of this Act, the necessary rules and regulations for the proper
11 implementation of its provisions shall be formulated by the Department of Budget and
12 Management ("DBM") and the Civil Service Commission ("CSC").
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14 **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, ordinances, executive orders, administrative
15 orders, rules, regulations, decrees, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are
16 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby revoked, repealed, or modified
17 accordingly.
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19 **SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional
20 or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue in operation and
21 remain in full force and effect.
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23 **SEC. 5. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
24 publication in a newspaper of general circulation or the Official Gazette.
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26 Approved,