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3 Quezon City, Metro Manila

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8 **HOUSE BILL NO. 9163**



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11 Introduced by **ANG PROBINSYANO**
12 Party-List Representative Alfred Delos Santos
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15 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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17 Being the smallest political unit in the whole government system in the
18 Philippines, the barangay and its members are often set aside. Next to the
19 municipal or city level of the local government units, the barangay is the
20 immediate means of delivering for the basic needs and services of the
21 community. They are in charge of the frontlines in keeping peace and order and
22 other basic government services.

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24 However, despite the important role that the members of the barangay council
25 hold in the country's government structure, they received little compensation for
26 their services in the community. They are yet to receive other benefits specifically
27 under social security.

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29 This legislation seeks to provide social security benefits to all Punong Barangays,
30 members of the Sangguniang Barangay, Chairperson of the Sangguniang
31 Kabataan, Barangay Secretaries and Treasurers, qualified members of the
32 Lupong Tagapamayapa, Barangay Tanods, Barangay Health Workers, and other
33 Barangay volunteer workers.

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35 Through this bill, the aforementioned members of the Barangay as an institution
36 shall be entitled to enrollment under various social security programs such as
37 those under the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth),
38 Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), and Home Development Mutual
39 Fund (Pag-IBIG Fund).

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1 I believe that through this measure, the State encourages the members of our
2 barangay to serve and coordinate better with the community in strengthening
3 the social fabric of cohesion of the Filipino society. I hope that it creates a more
4 dignified and respectable role in the community for the government's frontliners
5 in many aspects of its delivery of services.

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7 In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.
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15 **AN ACT PROVIDING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR BARANGAY**
16 **OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEER WORKERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS**
17 **THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**
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19 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the*
20 *Philippines in Congress assembled:*

21 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the "Barangay
22 Officials and Volunteer Workers' Social Security Benefits Act."

23 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — It is hereby declared the policy of the
24 State to empower government officials and public volunteer workers at the
25 grassroots level. In line with this policy and in cognizance of the crucial role of
26 barangay officials and volunteer workers in nation-building, the State shall,
27 through the provision of social security benefits, protect their rights and promote
28 their welfare.

29 SECTION 3. *Coverage.* — All Punong Barangays, Member of the
30 Sangguniang Barangay, Chairpersons of the Sangguniang Kabataan, Barangay
31 Secretaries, Barangay Treasurers and qualified members of the Lupong
32 Tagamayapa, Barangay Health Workers, Barangay Tanods and other barangay
33 volunteer workers shall be automatically covered by this Act: *Provided*, That the
34 coverage for qualified barangay volunteer workers shall be made in accordance
35 with pertinent laws and regulations and based on the qualification standards
36 that may be established by the Department of Interior and Local Government
37 (DILG) and other government agencies concerned: *Provided*, further, That when
38 the barangay official or volunteer worker receives a fixed salary whether in the
39 same capacity or by virtue of a permanent appointment in any other government
40 office, by election to another public office or by employment in the private sector,
41 their coverage under this Act shall automatically cease and they shall then be
42 covered under the appropriate laws: *Provided*, finally, That any of the
43 abovementioned barangay official or volunteer worker who shall automatically

1 lose coverage or cease to be covered by this Act by virtue of termination or
2 resignation from office for any lawful cause shall have the option to continue the
3 coverage by paying the required premiums thereon in accordance with pertinent
4 laws and regulations.

5 SECTION 4. *Membership of Barangay Officials and Volunteer Workers in*
6 *the Government Service Insurance System.* — The Government Service Insurance
7 System (GSIS) shall establish a social insurance program to provide life
8 insurance and social protection to barangay officials and volunteer workers in
9 accordance with pertinent laws and regulations.

10 SECTION 5. *Enrolment of Barangay Officials and Volunteer Workers in the*
11 *National Health Insurance Program of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation.*
12 — The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) shall enroll non-
13 member barangay officials and volunteer workers into the National Insurance
14 Program in accordance with pertinent laws and regulations.

15 SECTION 6. *Member of Non-Member Barangay Officials and Volunteer*
16 *Workers in the Voluntary Membership Program of the Home Development Mutual*
17 *Fund.* — The Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG Fund) shall enroll non-
18 member barangay officials and volunteer workers into the National Insurance
19 Program in accordance with pertinent laws and regulations.

20 SECTION 7. *Report to Congress.* — The GSIS, PhilHealth, and Pag-IBIG
21 Fund shall submit an annual report to Congress on the implementation of the
22 Barangay Official and Volunteer Workers' Social Security Benefit Program no
23 later than June 30 of every year. This report shall contain the necessary actuarial
24 studies and calculations to ensure the sustainability of the social security
25 benefits program and the financial stability of their respective agencies. GSIS,
26 PhilHealth, and Pag-IBIG Fund shall submit their respective report either in
27 printed form or by way of an electronic document.

28 SECTION 8. *Appropriations.* — The amount necessary for the
29 implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual
30 General Appropriations Act following its enactment into law.

31 SECTION 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — Within sixty (60) days
32 from the effectivity of this Act, the DILG and the Department of Budget and
33 Management (DBM) shall, in coordination with the GSIS, PhilHealth, and the
34 Pag-IBIG Fund and after consultation with the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas
35 (LNB) and other directly affected stakeholders, promulgate the necessary rules
36 and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

37 SECTION 10. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part of this Act is
38 held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts unaffected
39 shall remain in full force and effect.
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1 SECTION 11. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, presidential
2 decrees or issuances, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules, and
3 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
4 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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6 SECTION 12. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
7 after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
8 circulation.

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10 Approved,