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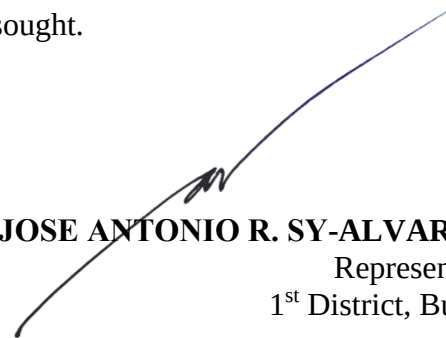
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Citizens' voluntary law-enforcement involvement includes working without pay within the structure of a police organization in order to supplement and assist it in the performance of its duties. PNP force-multipliers have long been employed to improve outcomes in our public safety. They play a vital role in ensuring efficient deliverance of services to the people.

Ever since the country has been placed under different levels of community quarantine, force multipliers have been deployed to implement stricter border control. They provide the PNP with information or beef up the number of policemen out on patrol. Having extra sets of eyes and ears helps a lot in anti-crime operations.

This measure seeks to give due recognition to the important job being performed by these grassroots workers as well as to acknowledge the vital role they play in assisting the PNP and the government in protecting the citizenry and deterring and suppressing crimes in our communities by providing incentives and benefits to accredited force multipliers.

Thus, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING INCENTIVES AND OTHER BENEFITS TO ALL FORCE
MULTIPLIERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the “Lingkod Force Multiplier Incentives and Benefits Act of 2021”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the declared policy of the State to promote and enhance the efficiency and responsiveness of our law enforcers in suppressing crimes and addressing peace and order issues in our communities. To achieve this objective, the State shall adopt measures and provide such incentives and benefits to force multipliers, not only to recognize the vital role they play in improving public safety but also to raise their quality of life.

SECTION 3. Incentives. It is hereby mandated to grant all eligible force multipliers a monthly allowance of two thousand five hundred pesos (P2,500.00).

SECTION 4. Coverage. Volunteers and Force Multipliers that are accredited by the PNP and Local Government Units are covered by this act.

SECTION 5. Tax Exemption. All amounts received by force multipliers as salaries, wages, compensation, remuneration and other emoluments, such as honoraria and allowances shall be exempt from income taxation, Gross benefits received by such volunteer of whatever kind of character, shall likewise be exempt from taxation.

SECTION 6. Exemption from Capital Gains and Transfer Taxes. The sale, exchange or disposition of real property by force multipliers shall be exempt from capital gains and other national taxes as long as the proceeds of such sale, exchange or disposition shall be directly and exclusively used by such volunteer to acquire a house and lot, not exceeding 500 square meters, for family dwelling. The acquisition of such house and lot for family dwelling purposes shall likewise be exempt from any national or local taxes and fees in connection with the transfer and registration of such property in the name of the force multiplier concerned.

SECTION 7. Health Benefits. Government medical and health insurance programs under existing laws shall include in their coverage free basic health services and medicine to force multipliers.

SECTION 8. Legal Representation. Force multipliers who maybe be involved as party litigants in administrative or criminal cases filed in connection with the performance of their assigned duties shall, as a member of right, be entitled to the free legal services of the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) who shall facilitate the legal representation of such volunteer by a counsel.

Such benefit of legal representation shall include an exemption from payment of docket and other lawful fees, and of transcripts of stenographic notes which the court may order to be furnished the force multiplier.

SECTION 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within three (3) months from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government, in coordination and consultation with the Department of Justice, the Department of Health, the Philippine National Police and other agencies concerned, shall promulgate such rules or guidelines as maybe necessary for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, issuances or portion thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

