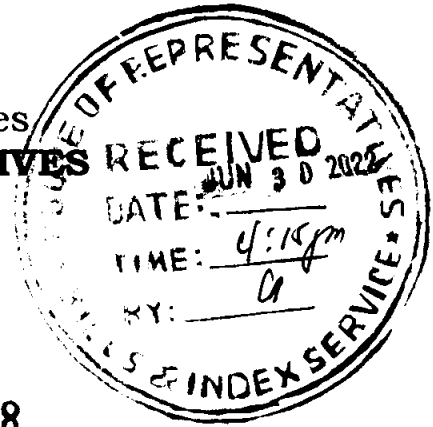


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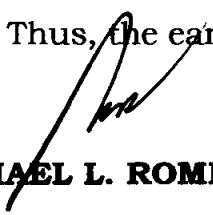
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The *Sangguniang Barangay*, as a policy making body, shall enact and approve resolutions, ordinances for the general welfare of their inhabitants pursuant to the mandate of the *Local Government Code*.

This *Sangguniang Barangay* holds a vital role to foster the well-being and progress of all its residents, for it serves as the unit for training ground for all our future leaders.

This House Bill seeks to create the **Magna Carta for Barangays**, to give due recognition for the services to their community.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

**PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR BARANGAYS,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, 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 “**Magna Carta for Barangays**”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby a declared policy of the state to provide efficient, effective and economical governance, the purpose of which is the general welfare of the local communities (barangay) and all its inhabitants pursuant to the *Local Government Code*.

The state shall also Enforce laws and regulations relating to pollution control and protection of the environment

SECTION 3. MANDATE – The state shall provide more attention to the development of all barangays:

- Establish workforce and guidelines for all barangay development projects
- All barangay shall be given the power and authority to resolve all problems within its level.

SECTION 4. COMPENSATION – All barangay officials mentioned herein shall be entitled to the following salaries:

- *Punong Barangay* – amount equivalent to the salary of a Sangguniang Bayan member of his/her municipality or city.
- *Sangguniang Barangay members* – an amount equivalent to eighty percent (80%) of the salary of a Sangguniang Bayan member.
- *Sangguniang Kabataan Chairman, Barangay Secretary, Barangay Treasurer* – each will be entitled to an amount of seventy-five (75%) percent of the salary of a Sangguniang Bayan member of his/her municipality or city.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS — The amount of Five Hundred Million pesos (**P500,000,000.00**) necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the implementing agency in the General Appropriations Act (**GAA**) of the year following its enactment into law and every year thereafter.

The state shall hereby authorize the *Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)* to re-align its appropriations, in the current year of the date of the effectivity of this Act to conform with its mandate and requirements.

SECTION 6. PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS – Any violations, or non-compliance thereof, upon conviction;

Shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty thousand pesos **(P20,000.00)** or imprisonment of not less than two **(2)** years; or both, subject to the discretion of the court.

If the offender is a *public official*, the punishment shall be dismissal from government service.

SECTION 7. TRANSITORY PROVISION – The existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,