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HOUSE BILL NO. 1740



Introduced by Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma
Lone District of Nueva Vizcaya

AN ACT
ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO ALL BARANGAY TANODS WHO
HAVE RENDERED AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF SERVICE IN THE BARANGAY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Having a peaceful and orderly environment is the very basic ingredient of a progressive and happy community. Along this point, the national government and the local government units are mandated to promote public safety in every locality. When some government powers were devolved to the local government through the enactment of the Local Government Code of 1991, it clearly mandates that peace and order and promotion of public safety should be ensured thus, authorizing every local government, the barangay in particular, to create community brigades to carry out the purposes of the barangay government in accordance with the needs of public service.

It is however unfortunate and even unnoticed by many, that our barangay tanods, who are always at the frontline risking their own lives just to ensure safety of every family in the community, to maintain peace and order in the barangay, are often, if not always neglected, with respect to their basic benefits as government workers. It is worth noting too, our Barangay Tanods are always part of the first responder teams during calamities, natural or manmade, and during times of emergencies, these are the untold realities of our local peace-makers.

The legislative measure seeks not only to increase but also to ensure the appropriate benefits should be given to our frontline services providers, our Barangay Tanods. An honorarium, the amount shall be as determined by law or ordinance, but should not be lower than P500.00 per month. Insurance coverage of at least 50% of the insurance coverage of Punong Barangay provided for under RA 6492. Free legal services from government lawyers, once he is made as party litigant. Any administrative, criminal and civil case, if such involvement is in relation to the performance of his duties and functions as Barangay Tanod.

Christmas Bonus equivalent to fifty percent (50%) of what the Punong Barangay is receiving, as provided by an ordinance. Exemption from tax - all amount and benefits received by the Barangay Tanod shall be exempted from income tax.

In view of the foregoing, and for a progressive and peaceful barangay, and the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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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 Barangay Tanods Act.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It is declared a policy of the State to promote efficiency, responsiveness to the needs of the people and establish and maintain peace and order at the barangay level to ensure faithful performance of the duties and responsibilities of our barangay tanods, commensurate benefits should be provided.

Section 3. Benefits- Barangay Tanods duly appointed shall be granted the herein benefits:

- a. An honorarium, the amount shall be as determined by law or ordinance, but should not be lower than P500.00 per month.
- b. Insurance coverage of at least 50% of the insurance coverage of Punong Barangay provided for under RA 6492 otherwise known as “An Act Increasing the Insurance Benefits Of Local Government Officials and Providing Funds Therefor”
- c. Free legal services from government lawyers, once he is made as party litigant. Any administrative, criminal and civil case, if such involvement is in relation to the performance of his duties and functions as Barangay Tanod.
- d. Christmas Bonus equivalent to fifty percent (50%) of what the Punong Barangay is receiving, as provided by an ordinance.
- e. Exemption from tax - all amount and benefits received by the Barangay Tanod shall be exempted from income tax.
- f. Preference in the availment of livelihood programs provided by the national government or local government units.

Section 4. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

Section 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, or issuances, or any part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved