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House Bill No. 2349



Introduced by

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and
HON. JUDE A. ACIDRE

AN ACT
INCREASING THE ALLOWANCES OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS,
GRANTING HONORARIA AND OTHER BENEFITS TO THE BARANGAY
WORKERS WHO HAVE SERVED FOR AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR, AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, barangay officials are compensated in the form of honorarium at an amount not less than ₱1,000 per month for the *Punong Barangay* and ₱600 per month for each *Sangguniang Barangay* member, *Barangay Treasurer* and *Barangay Secretary*. As the Act was enacted decades ago, such compensations are no longer in accordance with the regional minimum wage level. Further, excluded therein are *barangay tanods* despite the services they render to their constituents.

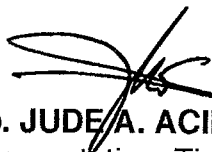
This bill seeks to increase the allowances of barangay officials, granting honoraria and other benefits to the barangay workers, and include barangay tanods to such compensation and benefits, who have served for at least one (1) year. This is to provide a compensation package commensurate with the

work and services the barangay officials extend to their constituents and to encourage and professionalize the recruitment of barangay officials.

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



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

Section 1. Section 393 of the Republic Act numbered 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials - (a) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of Lupong Tagapamayapa shall receive honoraria, allowances and such other emoluments as may be authorized by law or barangay, municipal, or city ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this Code, but in no case shall it be less than [One thousand pesos (P1,000)] **THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P3,500)** per month for the Punong Barangay and [Six hundred pesos (P600)] **TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,500)** per month for the sangguniang barangay members, barangay treasurer, [and] barangay secretary, **AND BARANGAY TANODS:** *Provided, however, That the annual appropriations for personal services shall be subject to the budgetary limitations*

prescribed under Title Five, Book I of this Code.

"(b). The Punong Barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the barangay treasurer, [and] the barangay secretary, **AND THE BARANGAY TANODS** shall also:

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[(d). All duly appointed members of the barangay tanod brigades, or their equivalent, which shall number not more than twenty (2) in each barangay, shall be granted insurance or other benefits during their incumbency, chargeable to the barangay or city or municipal government to which the barangay belongs.]

Section 2. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the city or municipality concerned.

Section 3. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,