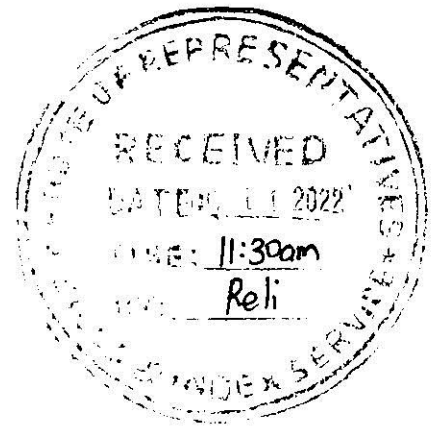


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3514



Introduced by HONORABLE ROMEO M. ACOP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As the basic political unit of the government, the barangay serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community. It also serves as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled.¹

At present, there are 42,046 barangays in the Philippines.² Needless to state, behind each barangay are the barangay officials who render invaluable public service at the grassroots level.

Under Section 393 of the Local Government Code, these barangay officials are granted benefits which include honoraria, allowances and other emoluments in the amounts of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000) and Six Hundred Pesos (P600), respectively, depending on the position held. In addition, they are entitled to Christmas bonus, insurance coverage, medical care, exemption from tuition and matriculation fees, and preference in appointment.

Indeed, the benefits and privileges mandated by the said law are all in the best interests of our barangay officials. This humble Representation, nevertheless, seeks to add one important benefit to this list: the retirement benefit. The absence thereof from the existing mandate is concerning, considering that this is a valuable benefit that impacts the present and future lives of our barangay officials.

Accordingly, this bill aims to amend the above provision, by granting an additional benefit to barangay officials in the form of a lump sum retirement pay equivalent to one-year honorarium. For this purpose, a Barangay Retirement Fund (BRF) shall be created to finance the retirement of the previously mentioned barangay officials.

Expected to benefit from this proposed legislation are all retiring barangay

¹ Section 384, Chapter I, Title I, Book III of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991".

²Philippine Statistics Authority. (2021). "Fourth Quarter 2021 PSGC Updates: Correction of the Names of 35 Barangays." Available at: <https://psa.gov.ph/content/fourth-quarter-2021-psgc-updates-correction-names-35-barangays>.

officials, including barangay tanods, members of the lupong tagapamayapa, and barangay day care workers. The retirement benefit shall be granted to a retiree who is at least sixty (60) years of age, with a minimum of nine (9) years of service at the time of retirement.

Through this measure, this Representation endeavors to recognize and reward our barangay officials in their dedication and hard work as the frontliners in public service, by contributing to their financial security after they retire and thereby ultimately ensuring that their general welfare is made of paramount consideration.

Hence, the approval of this proposed legislation is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA AND BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKERS, A LUMPSUM RETIREMENT PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) YEAR HONORARIUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

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 Officials’ Retirement Benefit Act of 2022.”**

SECTION 2. *Grant of Retirement Benefit to Barangay Officials.* - Section 393, Chapter IV, Title I, Book III of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials. —

(a) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the

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 (P1,000.00) per month for the punong barangay and Six Hundred Pesos (P600.00) per month for the sangguniang barangay members, barangay treasurer, and barangay secretary: *Provided, however,* That the annual appropriations for personal services shall be subject to the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five, Book II of this Code;

(b) x x x

(1) x x x

(2) x x x

(3) BE ENTITLED TO A LUMP SUM RETIREMENT PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) YEAR HONORARIUM, BUT IN NO CASE SHALL EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) TO BE TAKEN FROM THE BARANGAY RETIREMENT FUND: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT A RETIREE IS AT LEAST SIXTY (60) YEARS OF AGE WITH A MINIMUM OF NINE (9) YEARS IN SERVICE AT THE TIME OF THE RETIREMENT.

AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE TERM RETIREE SHALL INCLUDE ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA AND BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKERS.

(4) [(3)] x x x

(5) [(4)] x x x

(6) [(5)] x x x

(c) x x x

(d) x x x.”

SECTION 3. *Creation of the Barangay Retirement Fund.* - There is hereby created a Barangay Retirement Fund (BRF) which shall be used to finance the retirement of barangay officials mentioned in this Act. The amount equivalent to one percent (1%) of the share of the national government under Section 284 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, shall be used for this purpose.

The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall administer and ensure the appropriate disbursement of the BRF.

SECTION 4.*Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Budget and Management (DBM), in coordination with the DILG, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SECTION 5.*Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6.*Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,