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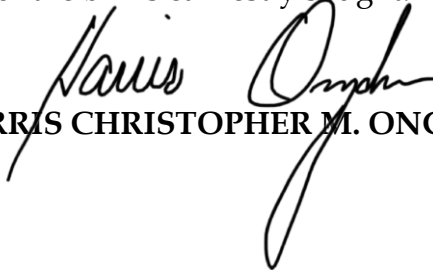
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Local Government Code, in Section 393, paragraph (d) states that every barangay is entitled to not have more than twenty (20) barangay tanods or its equivalent to help in maintaining peace and order in the community. With the increasing population in the Philippines, this is not possible anymore. The Barangay Public Safety Officers (BPSO) do their mandate effectively, and it is the duty of the State to help them in whatever way possible to ensure continuous effectiveness of their presence.

The bill proposes that the number of Barangay Public Safety Officer will be in proportion with the population present in the barangay. It proposes that there be ten (10) BPSO members per one thousand (1000) residents.

This bill was first filed by Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte in the 17th and 18th Congress.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of the bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

INCREASING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF BARANGAY PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS (BPSO) THEREBY AMENDING SECTION 393, PARAGRAPH (D) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. - It is the policy of the State to maintain peace and order in all localities within its territory and to provide auxiliary support to its national police by establishing barangay public safety brigades or barangay tanods in all barangays nationwide. It is likewise an established state policy that all peacekeeping officers, including barangay tanods, are provided adequate means for their upkeep and protection.

SECTION 2. Original Provision. - SEC. 393, paragraph (d) provides, thus: "All duly appointed members of the barangay tanod brigades, or their equivalent, which shall number not more than twenty (20) in each barangay, shall be granted insurance or other benefits during incumbency, chargeable to the barangay or the city or municipal government to which the barangay belongs.

SECTION 3. Amendatory Clause. - SEC. 393, paragraph (d) of Republic Act Numbered 7160 is hereby amended to read, as follows:

“THERE SHALL BE APPOINTED BARANGAY PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS (BPSO) IN EACH BARANGAY WHOSE NUMBER SHALL BE COMPUTED IN A SCALE OF TEN (10) BPSO MEMBERS PER ONE THOUSAND (1,000) RESIDENTS, BUT IN NO CASE SHALL BE LESS THAN TWENTY (20) REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS AND LAND AREA OF THE BARANGAY. THE APPOINTED BPSO MEMBERS SHALL BE GRANTED A MANDATORY LIFE INSURANCE AND OTHER BENEFITS ENJOYED BY CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY, CHARGEABLE TO THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY TO WHICH THEIR BARANGAY BELONGS.”

SECTION 4. Amendment of Existing Rules and Regulations. - Within six (6) months following the approval of the President of this amendatory law, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission shall accordingly amend, revise, repeal or modify existing rules and regulations to conform to the amended provision.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause - All Acts, Decrees, Executive Orders and Rules and Regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved.