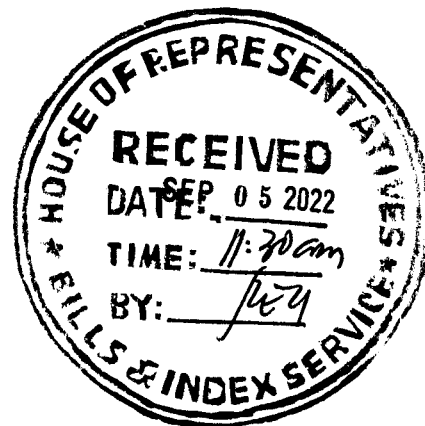


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House Bill No. **4402**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State recognizes the barangay tanod, duly created under the Local Government Code, as an indispensable instrument in barangay governance, particularly in their role in the maintenance and protection of peace and security and the promotion of public safety within the barangay.

Every barangay tanod serves as a first line of governance as they stand as immediate points of administrative contact to the citizenry. As much as such task promotes community and ownership, the same also entails challenges and even hazards. Thus, in order to reward the untiring efforts our barangay tanods, this bill seeks to bestow upon them certain incentives that have long been due to them. Likewise, this bill seeks to offer assistance to our barangay tanods such that they may better focus their efforts and energy towards the communities they serve.

For the foregoing reasons, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT UPGRADING THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES OF BARANGAY TANOD
BRIGADES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 393 (d) OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991**

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

SECTION 1. Section 393 (d) of Republic Act 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(d) All duly appointed members of the barangay tanod brigades, or their equivalent, which shall number not more than twenty (20) in each barangay, **AND WHO HAS RENDERED CONTINUOUS SERVICE FOR AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR IN THE BARANGAY SHALL DURING HIS INCUMBENCY BE ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING:**

(I) CHRISTMAS BONUS EQUIVALENT TO AT LEAST ONE HALF (½) OF WHAT THE PUNONG BARANGAY IS RECEIVING, AS MANDATED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE

(II) AN INSURANCE COVERAGE EQUIVALENT TO THREE-FOURTHS (¾) OF THAT RECEIVED BY THE PUNONG-BARANGAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT 6942, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT INCREASING THE INSURANCE BENEFITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

(III) FREE LEGAL SERVICES FROM GOVERNMENT LAWYERS FOR CRIMINAL AND CIVIL CASES FILED AGAINST THEM, ARISING FROM ACTS COMMITTED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES; PROVIDED THAT SUCH LEGAL SERVICES SHALL CONTINUE, EVEN AFTER THE TERM OF THE BARANGAY TANOD MEMBER, UNTIL ITS FINAL DISPOSITION;

(IV) FIFTY PERCENT (50%) DISCOUNT IN TUITION AND MATRICULATION FEES FOR HIS LEGITIMATE AND LEGALLY ADOPTED CHILDREN, NOT EXCEEDING FOUR (4), ATTENDING ANY RECOGNIZED STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

(V) PREFERENCE IN THE AVAILMENT OF AND/OR MEMBERSHIP IN BARANGAY LIVELIHOOD AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, WHETHER INITIATED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS.”

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. – All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and other parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.