

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 7737



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Introduced by Representative Joseph Gilbert F. Violago

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

According to the 1987 Constitution, one of the territorial and political subdivisions of the Republic of the Philippines is the barangay. (Art. X, Sec. 1). Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines states that barangays shall provide (i) agricultural support services; (ii) health and social welfare services which include maintenance of Barangay health center and day-care center; (iii) services and facilities related to general hygiene and sanitation, beautification, and solid waste collection; (iv) Maintenance of Katarungang Pambarangay; (v) maintenance of Barangay roads and bridges and water supply systems (vi) Infrastructure facilities such as multi- purpose hall, multipurpose pavement, plaza, sports center, and other similar facilities; (vii) information and reading center; and (viii) Satellite or public market, where viable, among others. (Sec. 17)

Since the barangay is the most basic political subdivision, it functions as the government's frontline force in the delivery of its essential services. The barangay officials, therefore, are at the forefront to ensure the general welfare of the people. Thus, their public service should be properly compensated, in the form of a lumpsum retirement pay.

For this reason, this bill seeks to provide 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, provided that a retiree is at least fifty-six (56) years of age with a minimum of nine (9) years in service at the time of the retirement. Likewise, a barangay retirement fund is established in order to finance this endeavor.

Similar versions of this commendable bill were filed in the previous Congresses and the present proponent acknowledges the hard work and wisdom of his predecessors.

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

  
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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 LUMP SUM RETIREMENT PAY**  
**EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) YEAR HONORARIUM, AMENDING FOR THE**  
**PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 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.** Section 393 of Republic Act Number No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials. –

(a) Barangay officials, including Barangay tanods and members of the Lupon 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 H 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 FIFTY-SIX (56) 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 LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA AND BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKERS.

“[(3)] (4) x x x

“[(4)] (5) x x x

“(c) x x x

“(d) x x x

**SECTION 2. *Creation of 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 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Department of Budget and Management (DBM), in coordination with the DILG, shall issue necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 5. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*