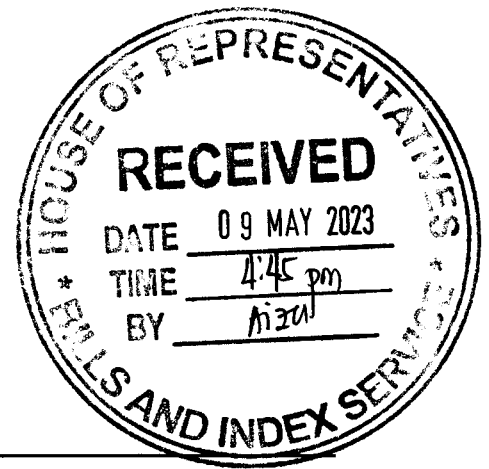


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The barangays play an important role of primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in communities¹. With its officials in the forefront, the barangay places the groundwork for the effective and efficient delivery of public services.

It is however apparent from existing statutes that barangay officials are not accorded the status of a regular employee, which denies them the right to claim basic government benefits. Their entitlements are limited to those specified by law, like the Local Government Code of 1991, and local government ordinances. Thus, there is a need of legal basis for additional entitlements.

Incentivizing the insurmountable contributions and efforts by our barangay officials, this proposed bill puts forward the granting of retirement benefits to them, whether elective or appointive, who rendered a consecutive period of nine (9) years or three terms of honorable service and retired subsequently. Moreover, as aptly observed, there is indeed a necessity of empowering further our barangays and raise the economic and social status of barangay officials².

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

RODOLFO "OMPONG" M. ORDANES

¹ Section 384 of Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991.

² Congressional Policy and Budget Research Department. (2021). A Compendium of Briefs on Priority Legislative Proposals for the Second Half of the 18th Congress. House of Representatives.

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**AN ACT GRANTING RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS WHO
RENDERED A CONSECUTIVE PERIOD OF NINE (9) YEARS OR THREE TERMS OF
PUBLIC SERVICE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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 "Grant of Retirement Benefits to Barangay Officials of 2023".

Section 2. **Coverage of the Act** - Elective and appointive barangay officials who have rendered a consecutive period of nine (9) years or three terms of honorable service as barangay official and have opted for retirement shall receive retirement benefits provided in this Act.

For this purpose, barangay officials shall include the Punong Barangay, Sangguniang Barangay members, Barangay Secretary, and Barangay Treasurer.

Section 3. **Number of Retirement Benefits.** - A barangay official entitled to retirement benefits under this Act shall receive a monthly pension during their lifetime amounting to not less than sixty-five percent (65%) of the total monthly average honoraria, allowances and other emoluments authorized by law or by city, municipal or barangay ordinance.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed as to diminish, in any way, the existing benefits provided by laws, rules and regulations, local ordinances, or other issuances.

Section 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within sixty (60) from the effectivity of this Act, the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) shall, in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Budget and Management, and other concerned government agencies, as well as civil society organization, non-government organizations and people's organizations, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

The intended guidelines must include the establishment of the corresponding Retirement Application System for the proper administration, operation, and maintenance thereof. It shall likewise set the mechanism in the identification of beneficiaries of the benefits under this Act.

Section 5. Appropriations. - The GSIS shall employ actuarial methods and assumptions to determine the fund requirement of the retirement system.

The initial amount to support the operation and maintenance of the retirement system shall be charged to the appropriations of DILG under the current General Appropriations Act, and shall be released to the GSIS. Subsequent sums necessary shall be automatically included in the annual budget of the concerned municipality or city.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, and rules and regulations or parts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. Separability Clause. If any part or provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional and invalid, such declaration shall not invalidate other parts hereof which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or news Paper of general circulation.

Approved,