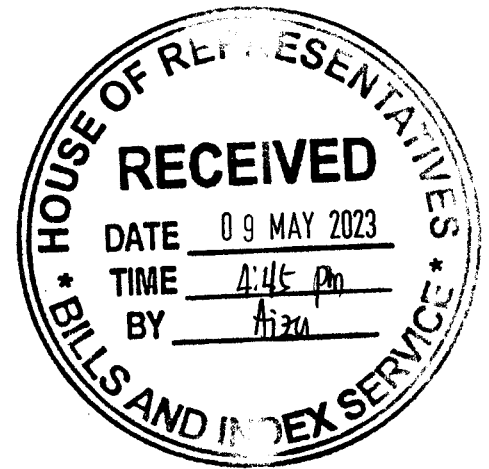


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our barangay officials serve as the closest representatives in the grassroots level. They partake the role as effective partners of the National Government in the delivery of public services and promotion of general welfare.

Compensating their enormous efforts and sacrifices in performing their duties and responsibilities, barangay officials are entitled to honoraria, allowances, and other emoluments authorized by law or appropriate ordinance, depending on their positions¹. Furthermore, the grant of basic death and burial assistance in barangay office is defined only for punong barangay, sangguniang barangay member, chairman of kabataang barangay, barangay secretary and barangay treasurer, during their incumbency².

Absent the express mention of the financial assistance for the deceased, retired barangay officials, this proposed legislative measure seeks to ease the financial burden of their loved ones from the immensely increasing costs of funeral or memorial services. In addition, it is the recognition of the State for the significant contributions of the barangay officials in devoting time and lives to fully address the demands of their positions.

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


RODOLFO "OMPONG" M. ORDANES

¹ Section 393 of Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991.

² Republic Act No. 6942, or the Act Increasing the Insurance Benefits of Local Government Officials and Funds Therefor.

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AN ACT PROVIDING DEATH AND BURIAL BENEFITS FOR RETIRED BARANGAY OFFICIALS 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 "Death and Burial Benefits for Retired Barangay Officials Act of 2023".

Section 2. **Definition of Terms.** The following terms shall be applicable in this Act:

Barangay officials - refers to the Punong Barangay, Sangguniang Barangay members, Barangay Secretary, and Barangay Treasurer, including barangay tanods and members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa, as the recipients of benefits under Section 393, Republic Act No. 7160.

Retiree - a person who reached the compulsory retirement age of 65.

Section 3. **Coverage of the Act.** Retired elective and appointive barangay officials who have rendered at least nine (9) years or three terms of honorable service as barangay official, and suffered death, shall receive retirement benefits provided this Act.

Section 4. **Amount of Death and Burial Benefits.** Death benefit assistance of a minimum of Thirty Thousand Pesos (Php 30,000.00) shall be given to the nearest surviving kin of a deceased retiree, following the Rules on Succession; provided that,

such amount shall be subject to adjustments every three (3) years by the Department of Finance in accordance with estimated annual inflation as determined.

In addition to the death benefits herein, the amount of Ten Thousand (Php 10,000.00) shall be provided to the beneficiary/ies within one (1) business day upon written notice accompanied by satisfactory proof of death to the GSIS.

Section 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) from the effectivity of this Act, the Government Service Insurance System, in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government, 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.

Section 6. 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 7. 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 8. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or news Paper of general circulation.

Approved,