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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure acknowledges the vital role of Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS), both of whom play essential roles in improving community health. BHWs provide basic healthcare services, promote wellness, and assist in disease prevention, while BNS educate on nutrition, monitor health, and prevent malnutrition.

Hence, this proposed measure seeks to grant incentives and benefits to our Barangay Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars in order to acknowledge their hard work in promoting community health. It will also improve their motivation, retention, and performance, ensuring better health services and outcomes, especially in underserved areas.

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

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AN ACT GRANTING INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS TO BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR SUCH OTHER PURPOSES

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 "Barangay Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars Benefits and Incentives Act"

SEC. 2. ***Declaration of Policy*** **-** It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the Filipino people and instill health consciousness among them by giving them each individual unimpaired access to health and information services. To achieve this goal, this Act shall grant incentives and benefits to Barangay Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars to support the promotion, protection, and maintenance of health in rural areas.

SEC. 3. ***Incentives and Benefits.-*** In recognition of their services, Barangay Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars shall, in addition to other incentives and benefits granted under existing laws, be entitled to the following:

(a) Hazard allowance in an amount determined by the local health board of the Local Government Unit (LGU) concerned;

(b) Subsistence allowance equivalent to the meals they take in the course of their duty, which shall be computed in accordance with the prevailing circumstances

as determined by the Local Government Unit concerned;

(c) Scholarship in the form of tuition fees in State Colleges or Universities to be granted to one child of every barangay health worker or barangay nutrition scholar;

(d) Free legal representation and consultation services shall be provided for by the Public Attorney's Office in cases of coercion, interference, and other civil and criminal cases filed by or against barangay health workers and barangay nutrition scholars arising out of or in connection with the performance of their duties as such.

SEC. 4. ***Separability Clause.-*** If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions, not affected thereby, shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 5. ***Repealing Clause.-*** All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations and administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, superseded, or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 6. ***Effectivity.-*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.