



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 963



Introduced by Representative Crispin Diego “Ping” D. Remulla

AN ACT
REDEFINING THE COMPOSITION OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND
PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND COMPENSATION FOR
BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 387 AND
393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) highlights the pivotal role of barangays as the fundamental political units in the Philippines. Barangays serve as the primary planning and implementing units of government policies, programs, and activities, and act as forums where the collective views of the community are expressed and disputes amicably settled.

Barangay officials, including the Punong Barangay, Sangguniang Barangay members, Barangay Secretaries, Treasurers, Health Workers, Tanods, and members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa, are at the forefront of local governance. They perform multifaceted roles encompassing executive, legislative, and judicial functions, often under challenging circumstances and with limited resources.

Despite their critical responsibilities, these officials receive modest honoraria that are not commensurate with the scope and significance of their duties. According to Local Budget Circular No. 160, issued by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) on August 12,

2024, the honoraria for barangay officials are determined based on the salary schedule adopted by their respective municipalities or cities, subject to budgetary constraints. However, the minimum honoraria remain at ₱1,000 per month for the Punong Barangay and ₱600 per month for other mandatory barangay officials, rates that have not kept pace with inflation and the increasing demands of their roles.

Furthermore, while Executive Order No. 64, s. 2024, provides for a Year-End Bonus and a Cash Gift of ₱5,000 for barangay personnel. These benefits are still insufficient to address the financial needs of barangay officials who often have to cover out-of-pocket expenses in the performance of their duties.

Recognizing the indispensable contributions of barangay officials to national development and public service delivery, this measure seeks to institutionalize the adjustment of their honoraria and benefits to more equitable levels. By doing so, we aim to enhance their morale, ensure their financial security, and enable them to perform their duties more effectively.

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


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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 387 of Republic Act No. 7160 known as the Local Government
2 Code of 1991 is hereby amended by adding paragraph (c) to read as follows

3 "Section 387 – x x x

4 “(a) x x x

5 “(b) x x x

6 **“(C) EACH BARANGAY SHALL HAVE A BARANGAY**
7 **HEALTH WORKERS APPOINTED BY THE PUNONG**
8 **BARANGAY TO SERVE THE BARANGAY, IN ADDITION TO**
9 **THE DESIGNATED BARANGAY TANODS.”**

10 **SEC. 2.** Section 393 paragraphs (a) and (b) with sub-paragraph (3) of the same Act is
11 hereby amended to read as follows:

12 "Section 393. *Benefits of Barangay Officials.* – (a) Barangay
13 officials **AND STAFF**, including barangay tanods, **BARANGAY**
14 **HEALTH WORKERS** and members of the lupong tagapamayapa,
15 shall receive honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments as may

1 be authorized by law or barangay, municipal or city ordinance in
2 accordance with the provisions of this Code, but in no case shall it be
3 less than [~~One thousand pesos (P1,000.00)~~] **TEN THOUSAND**
4 **PESOS(P10,000.00)** per month for the punong barangay and [~~Six~~
5 ~~hundred pesos (P600.00)]~~ **EIGHT THOUSAND PESOS (P8,000.00)**
6 per month for the sangguniang barangay members, **SIX THOUSAND**
7 **PESOS (P6,000.00) PER MONTH FOR THE SANGGUNIANG**
8 **KABATAAN CHAIRMAN**, barangay treasurer and barangay
9 secretary, **AND FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00) PER**
10 **MONTH FOR BARANGAY TANOD, BARANGAY HEALTH**
11 **WORKERS, LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA:** *Provided, however,*
12 *That the annual appropriations for personal services shall be subject to*
13 *the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five, Book II of this*
14 *Code.*

15 "(b) The punong barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the
16 barangay treasurer, [~~and~~] the barangay secretary, **BARANGAY**
17 **TANOD, LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, AND THE BARANGAY**
18 **HEALTH WORKERS** shall also:

19 "(1) x x x

20 "(2) x x x

21 "(3) Be entitled to free medical care including subsistence, medicines,
22 and medical attendance in any government hospital or institution:
23 *Provided, That such hospital care shall include surgery or surgical*
24 *expenses, medicines, X-rays, laboratory fees, and other hospital*
25 *expenses;*

26 "In case of extreme urgency where there is no available government
27 hospital or institution, the barangay official concerned may submit
28 himself for immediate medical attendance to the nearest private clinic,
29 hospital or institution and the expenses not exceeding [~~Five thousand~~
30 ~~pesos (P5,000.00)]~~ **FIFTEEN THOUSAND PESOS (P15,000.00)** that
31 maybe incurred therein shall be chargeable against the funds of the
32 barangay concerned;

33 "x x x."

1 **SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
2 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise affected shall
3 remain valid and subsisting.

4 **SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order,
5 letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with
6 the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,