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House Bill No. **1676**



Introduced by Hon. Edgar R. Erice

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay Tanods, as the frontliners of peace and order in our communities, play a critical role in ensuring public safety, assisting in the enforcement of laws and ordinances, and responding to emergencies at the grassroots level. Barangay Tanods can be considered to have the most diverse task in the community. Despite their indispensable service, many Barangay Tanods continue to operate under difficult conditions—receiving meager or irregular honoraria, lacking standardized training, and often without proper equipment to perform their duties effectively and safely.

This proposed measure, the *Barangay Tanod Empowerment and Protection Act of 2025*, seeks to institutionalize comprehensive support for our Barangay Tanods by addressing three key areas:

1. **Mandatory Barangay Public Safety Training Program**

To enhance the capabilities and professionalism of Barangay Tanods, this bill requires their participation in a standardized **Barangay Public Safety Training Program** to be developed and implemented by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in coordination with relevant agencies. This program will cover areas such as basic law enforcement procedures, emergency response, conflict mediation, human rights, and disaster preparedness.

2. **Monthly Subsidy Allowance from the National Government**

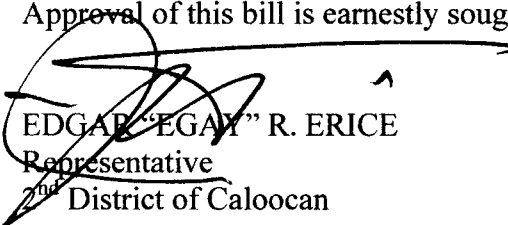
To recognize and supplement the vital contributions of Barangay Tanods, this bill mandates the provision of a **monthly subsidy allowance of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00)** from the National Government, on top of any honoraria or incentives they receive from their respective barangays. This aims to provide financial stability and promote continued commitment to public service.

3. **Provision of Complete Equipment**

This bill mandates that all Barangay Tanods be equipped with the necessary **uniforms, communication devices, identification cards, flashlights, first aid kits, and other essential tools** to ensure their safety and effectiveness while on duty. The provision and distribution of these items shall be supported by the appropriate national and local government agencies.

This legislative measure is a step toward dignifying the role of Barangay Tanods as vital partners in local governance and national security. It is a long-overdue recognition of their courage, dedication, and selfless service to the Filipino people.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING BARANGAY TANOD AS AUXILIARY POLICE PERSONNEL, PROVIDING FOR THEIR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, MANDATORY TRAINING, EQUIPMENT, ALLOWANCE, LIFE AND DISABILITY INSURANCE, AND FOR 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 Tanod Empowerment and Protection Act of 2025*”

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the State to recognize the vital role of Barangay Tanods in maintaining peace and order at the community level. To enhance public safety and promote professionalism, this Act institutionalizes Barangay Tanods as auxiliary police personnel, establish uniform training and eligibility standards, and provides adequate protection and support for their duties.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this Act, the following terms are defined

a) **Barangay Tanod** - refers to all duly appointed members of the barangay tanod brigades which shall not exceed more than twenty (20) in each barangay as provided by Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

b) **Auxiliary Police** - refers to non-permanent uniformed personnel authorized to assist law enforcement agencies in basic security and order maintenance tasks.

c) **Probationary Barangay Tanod**- refers to a barangay tanod who passed the physical and mental assessment and evaluation.

d) **Fully fledged Barangay Tanod** – refers to a barangay tanod who completed the Mandatory Barangay Public Safety Training Program (MBPSTP)

e) **DILG** - refers to the Department of the Interior and Local Government of the Philippines

f) Equipment - refers to official tools and paraphernalia provided in Section 8 of this Bill.

Section 4. Fully fledged Barangay Tanod as Auxiliary Police. Fully fledged Barangay Tanods shall be recognized as Auxiliary Police personnel and may assist the Philippine National Police (PNP) in the enforcement of laws, maintenance of public order, and response to emergencies, subject to limitations and guidelines provided under this Act and its implementing rules.

Section 5. Eligibility Requirements. To qualify as a Fully fledged Barangay Tanod under this Act, an individual must be:

1. A Filipino Citizen
2. At least twenty-one (21) years of age but not more than sixty (60) years of age at the time of appointment
3. A resident of the barangay where he will be appointed for at least one (1) year.
4. Of Good Moral Character (shall be proven by presentation of Barangay Clearance, Police Clearance, and NBI Clearance)
5. Be able to read and write (preferrably High School Graduate)
6. Not convicted or no pending criminal or administrative case involving moral turpitude
7. Physically and Mentally fit
8. A completer of the Mandatory Barangay Public Safety Training Program.

Section 6. Physical and Mental Fitness. In order to determine the Physical and Mental Fitness of the appointee, the Local Health Office shall conduct a thorough assessment and evaluation.

Upon determination by the Local Health Office that the appointee is physically and mentally fit, a certificate shall be issued which qualifies the appointee to perform his/her duties as a probationary Barangay Tanod.

Section 7. Mandatory Training. All probationary Barangay Tanods shall undergo a Mandatory Barangay Public Safety Training Program (MBPSTP) to be developed and Supervised by the DILG in coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) and in relation to the Guidebook on Barangay Tanod Skills Enhancement developed by the National Barangay Operations Office (NBOO). The said training shall include:

1. Basic policing and public safety procedures

2. First aid and emergency response
3. Community engagement and conflict resolution
4. Human Rights and Ethics
5. Environmental Protections
6. Eco-Tourism (elective)

The Probationary Barangay Tanods are given two (2) months to complete all the trainings required in order to be considered as a fully fledged Barangay Tanod. In case of failure to comply within the given time, the appointee shall be disqualified to become a fully fledged Barangay Tanod.

Section 8. Equipment Provision. Barangay Tanods shall be provided with standard equipment for non-lethal enforcement and public safety duties, based on DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2003-42 and 2024-086.

Each Tanod shall be equipped with:

1. Uniform and Identification
Jeans or maong pants, white T-shirt or barangay-prescribed shirt, barangay vest with name plate, cap, rubber shoes, and official Tanod ID; patches and unit insignia may be included.
2. Non-lethal Equipment
Baton with belt holster, Hand cuffs and holster or loop lock, whistle, Flashlight, Two-way Radio, Raincoat and Rain Boots, Notebook and pen, Basic First Aid Kit, Pepper Spray.
3. Barangay-Supplied Tools
Fire-extinguisher at Barangay Hall, and Additional paraphernalia as determined necessary by Barangay resources

SECTION 9. . Monthly Subsidy Allowance for Barangay Tanods. All duly appointed fully fledged Barangay Tanods shall receive a monthly subsidy allowance of Two Thousand Pesos (₱2,000.00) from the National Government. This amount shall be granted in addition to any honoraria, allowances, or other benefits they may already be receiving from their respective barangays or other sources.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this provision.

Section 10. Other Benefits. Maximum of two (2) children of the fully fledged Barangay Tanod shall be provided with study grants provided that the child is below twenty one (21) years old and shall have an average grade of eighty percent (80%)

Section 11. Life and Disability Insurance. All fully fledged Barangay Tanods shall be covered by a comprehensive life and disability insurance which shall include:

1. Accidental death and dismemberment benefits
2. Permanent total disability
3. Burial Assistance

The any insurance mentioned in this Act shall only cover death or injuries resulting from the performance of his duties as a fully fledged Barangay Tanod.

Section 12. Funding. The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA) under the DILG budget.

Section 13. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The DILG, in coordination with PNP, NAPOLCOM, and stakeholders, shall issue rules within sixty (60) days from the date of effectivity. The implementing guidelines shall specify:

1. Procurement procedures for equipment
2. Standards for issuance, maintenance and replacement
3. Record-keeping and inventory management protocols at the barangay level

Section 14. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or inoperative, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect

Section 15. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 16. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,