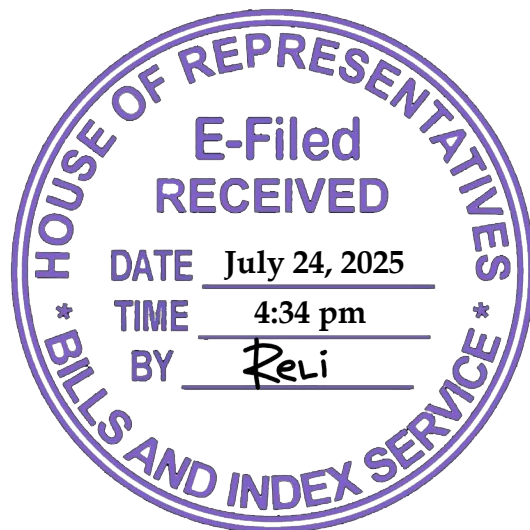




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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2306



Introduced by **Representative MA. VICTORIA CO-PILAR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay Tanods operate based on the Local Government Code of 1991 (LGC) with the primordial duty to maintain peace and order, to assist in emergency situations, and to enforce local laws. Among others, we often encounter them managing the traffic flows, doing barangay patrols, and responding in crisis situations. Indeed, we cannot underestimate the public service that our barangay police have contributed to ensure the safety of our persons and properties.

Since the enactment of the LGC more than three decades ago, the number of allowable barangay police is limited to not more than twenty (20) per barangay and has never been changed despite the increasing population in our country. During 1990's, the Philippine population is approximately 63 million. This number significantly jumped after three decades to 117,337,368 in 2024 or a 45.68% increase rate.

While maintaining the provision of the LGC, Section 393, paragraph (d) that "*... appointed members of the Barangay tanod brigades, or their equivalent, which shall number not more than twenty (20) in each Barangay...*" undeniably benefits some barangay with small population, it is equally important to consider those barangays with wide population quite affected negatively by the limited number of Barangay Tanod that they can appoint.

Research indicates that as of 2024, there are more than 42,000 barangays in the country. In 2020, 141 barangays have more than 50,000 populations; Barangay Commonwealth with 213,229 population and Barangay Batasan Hills with 166,572 population are both barangays in Quezon City which are in the top three most populated barangay in the Philippines.

Taking note of the population differences in different barangay across the country, it is imperative to right size the number of Barangay Tanod which our Barangay can appoint depending on their budget. This bill is filed to address this concern by amending a portion of Section 393, paragraph (d) of the LGC.

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



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AN ACT
RIGHTSIZING THE NUMBER OF BARANGAY TANODS
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7160, AS
AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 393 (d) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local
2 Government Code of 1991 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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4 (d) All duly appointed members of the Barangay tanod brigades, or their equivalent,
5 which shall number not ~~more than twenty (20)~~ **LESS THAN TEN (10)** in each
6 Barangay, shall be granted insurance or other benefits during their incumbency,
7 chargeable to the Barangay or the city or municipal government to which the
8 Barangay belongs. **THE NUMBER OF BARANGAY TANOD SHALL BE**
9 **INCREASED DEPENDING ON THE BUDGET OF THE BARANGAY.**
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11 **SEC 2. Separability Clause** – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional,
12 the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.
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14 **SEC 3. Repealing Clause** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of
15 instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of
16 this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.
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18 **SEC 4. Effectivity Clause** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
19 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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21 Approved,