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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The basic political unit in the country is the Barangay. Through the provisions of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines, particularly the provisions on decentralization of power, each government unit was granted a level of autonomy, including the barangays. Generally, Barangays are responsible in governing the population within their respective territorial jurisdictions including a system of dispute resolution made especially for the barangay level. The Local Government Code of 1991 as amended recognizes the role of the barangay as the basic political unit, the barangay serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled.

At the forefront of the delivery of services of the government, officials and employees of the barangay are tasked with a heavy burden in serving their respective constituents. However, despite the wide range of responsibilities of officials and employees of the barangay, the benefits granted to the barangay officials are menial. In fact, the provision under (1) of paragraph B of Section 393 of the Local Government Code of 1991 as regards to certain benefits only include the punong barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the barangay treasurer and the barangay secretary.

To recognize the efforts continuously exerted by officials and employees of the Barangay, including the barangay tanods and the members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa, and at the same time further motivate them to fulfill their responsibilities, this Bill is aimed to grant a long-overdue increase in the benefits of the barangay officials including the barangay tanods and the members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa.

As such, the passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, AND GRANTING A LUMP SUM RETIREMENT GRATUITY PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP100,000.00), AND OTHER NON-MONETARY BENEFITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. Section 393 (A) of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows: "Section 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials. -

- (a) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the lupong tagapamayapa, shall receive honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments as may be authorized by law or barangay, municipal or city ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this Code, but in no case shall it be less than SIX THOUSAND PESOS (PHP6,000.00) PER MONTH FOR THE PUNONG BARANGAY AND FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (PHP4,000.00) PER MONTH FOR THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY MEMBERS, BARANGAY TREASURER, AND BARANGAY SECRETARY AND THREE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP3,000.00) PER MONTH FOR BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAPA: Provided, however, That the annual appropriations for personal services shall be subject to

the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five, Book II of this Code;

(b) The punong barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the barangay treasurer, and the barangay secretary shall also:

(1) Be entitled to Christmas bonus of at least THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P3,000.00) each, the funds for which shall be taken from the general fund of the barangay or from such other funds appropriated by the national government for the purpose. PROVIDED, THAT BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE SAME BENEFIT AS STATED;

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(6) BE ENTITLED TO A LUMP SUM RETIREMENT GRATUITY PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) YEAR HONORARIUM, BUT IN NO CASE SHALL EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP100,000.00) TO BE TAKEN FROM THE BARANGAY RETIREMENT GRATUITY FUND. PROVIDED, THAT A RETIREE IS AT LEAST SIXTY (60) YEARS OF AGE WITH AND HAS RENDERED AT LEAST NINE (9) YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BARANGAY AT THE TIME OF RETIREMENT. PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE TERM RETIREE SHALL INCLUDE ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA;

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(c) All duly appointed members of the barangay tanod brigades, or their equivalent, which shall number not more than twenty (20) in each barangay, shall be granted insurance, FREE MATRICULATION FEES FOR THEIR DEPENDENT CHILDREN ATTENDING STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES or other benefits during their incumbency, chargeable to the barangay or the city or municipal government to which the barangay belongs.

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SECTION 2. *Creation of the Barangay Retirement Gratuity Fund (BRGF).* – A Barangay Retirement Gratuity Fund (BRGF) is hereby created. The BRGF shall be used for the benefit of barangay officials, barangay tanods and members of the Lupon ng Tagapamayapa to fund their retirement gratuity. The amount equivalent to one percent (1%) of the shares of the national government as provided for under Section 284 of Republic Act No. 9160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended shall be used for this purpose.

The appropriate disbursement of the BGRF shall be under the administration of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

SECTION 3. *Coverage.* – The benefits granted under this Act shall cover all barangay officials, barangay tanods and members of the Lupon ng Tagapamayapa. The same benefits shall also be granted to those in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All acts, executive orders, memorandum circulars/guidelines and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,