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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3709**

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**Introduced by Rep. CARMELO G. LAZATIN, JR.**

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**AN ACT**

**AUGMENTING THE NUMBER OF BARANGAY PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS (BPSO) PROPORTIONATE TO THE BARANGAY POPULATION AND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE PROVISION ON THE TWENTY (20) BPSO LIMIT FOR EVERY BARANGAY**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The role of Barangay Public Safety Officers or the Barangay Tanods in the maintenance of peace and order, crime prevention, providing community assistance and in their collaboration with the Philippine National Police in solving crimes cannot be underrated.

They are the ones who would painstakingly patrol the whole barangay for the entire day to ensure that the residents even transients are safe. They are also the first responders during accidents and calamities, often putting their lives in the line of danger to save another.

The Barangay Tanods with their familiarity with the residents and terrain of the barangay are a valuable manpower asset that could aid the uniformed personnel in crime prevention and investigation.

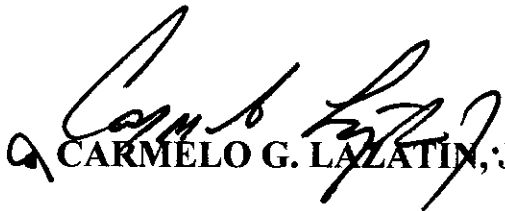
In the National Capital Region, there are already 1,710 barangays. The most populous according to the Philippine Statistic Authority Population 2020 Census are Barangay 176 in Caloocan with 261,729 persons, Commonwealth with 213,229 persons and Batasan Hills with 166, 572 persons both in Quezon City.

Taking into account the population of Barangay 176 of Caloocan City, this would mean, as per provision of the Local Government Code, that one Barangay Tanod would have to cater to more than 13,000 individuals.

With these sheer population, even with the aid of closed-circuit television camera (CCTV), it would still prove to be challenging for a group of less than twenty (20) Barangay Tanods to monitor and provide assistance to residents.

Hence, there is a dire need to augment the number of barangay tanods proportionate to the barangay population and to amend for the purpose, the provision of the Local Government Code.

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

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

1       **SECTION 1.** *Title* - This Act shall be known and cited as “Augmenting the number of  
2       Barangay Public Safety Officers Act”.

3       **SECTION 2.** *Declaration of Policy*- The State recognizes the Barangay Tanod brigade,  
4       created under the provision of the Local Government Code, as a vital arm of the barangay  
5       government in maintaining peace and security within the barangay.

6       The Barangay Tanod brigades, although working in shifts to monitor the peace and order  
7       situation in the barangays still are inadequate in number given the ever-growing population in their  
8       respective areas. Aside from the residents, they also need keep an eye on transients who may  
9       potentially cause disruptions in the barangay or may likely be perpetrators of crimes.

1 Hence, the State proposes to augment the number of barangay tanod proportionate to the  
2 barangay population. Likewise, it shall amend the provision of the Local Government Code on the  
3 limit of Barangay Tanod which is twenty for every barangay.

4 **SECTION 3. *Definition of terms.*** For purposes of this Act, the following terms are hereby  
5 defined:

- 6 a) *Barangay Tanod* shall refer to *Barangay Public Security Officer* the whose primary  
7 role is to collaborate with the Philippine National Police in maintaining peace and  
8 order, assist in crime prevention, emergency response, assist in flood control,  
9 traffic, fires, accidents and coordinate with responders.  
10 b) *Fully-fledged Barangay Tanod* shall refer to the barangay tanod who completed the  
11 Mandatory Barangay Public Safety Training Program and have passed the  
12 eligibility requirements as provided in Section 4. c of this Act.

13 **SECTION 4. *The Barangay Tanod*** -The number of barangay tanod appointed in the  
14 barangay shall be based on its population. It may exceed twenty (20) Barangay Tanod as provided  
15 by the Local Government Code, granted that the following conditions are met:

- 16 a) The ratio between the number of barangay tanod and the population shall be determined  
17 by the barangay council;  
18 b) It must be must be based on actual statistics on barangay population as well as influx of  
19 transients and crime rate in their area to justify the need to augment the existing barangay  
20 tanod;  
21 c) That a fully-fledged barangay tanod must pass initial physical screening, resident of the  
22 barangay, of good moral character, is at least High School graduate, not convicted or  
23 without pending criminal or administrative case, is physically and mentally fit and must  
24 have undergone a Mandatory Barangay Public Safety Training Program.  
25 d) That the Mandatory Barangay Public Safety Training Program shall be developed and  
26 provided by the Philippine National Police and the Department of the Interior and Local  
27 Government.  
28 e) That the barangay must be able to equip the would-be additional barangay tanod with  
29 Uniform and identification, non-lethal equipment and tools that they may need in case  
30 of emergency or rescue operations in the area.  
31 f) That the barangay must be able to allocate funds to provide the mandatory benefits and  
32 insurance for the barangay tanod.

33 **SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.*** If any provision of this Act is declared  
34 unconstitutional or inoperative, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and  
35 effect.

1           **SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulation or parts  
2 thereof contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified  
3 accordingly.

4           **SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
5 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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7           *Approved,*