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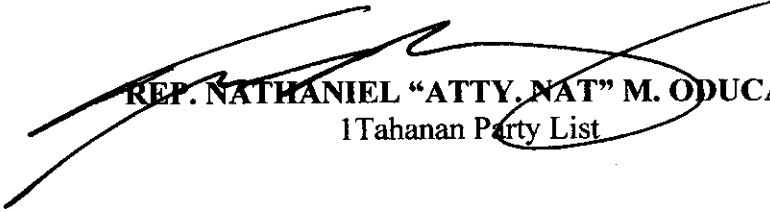
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) are among the first to respond to the needs of our people. They provide basic health services, promote disease prevention, and extend assistance during emergencies – all at the heart of the community. Yet despite their vital role, the benefits they receive remain limited compared to those given to barangay officials.

This bill seeks to correct that gap by expanding the benefits of barangay officials, as provided under Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, to include Barangay Health Workers. By recognizing them as partners in governance and service delivery, the measure ensures that BHWs receive honoraria, allowances, and other incentives duly provided by law. It also reinforces the application of existing statutes such as Republic Act No. 7883, the Barangay Health Workers Benefits and Incentives Act.

The proposed measure is a simple yet meaningful recognition of the sacrifices and contributions of our BHWs. It affirms the State’s commitment to support those who work quietly yet tirelessly in safeguarding the health and welfare of our communities.

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


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AN ACT TO EXPAND THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS TO INCLUDE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “*Barangay Health Workers.*”

2 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to adopt
3 measures to ensure the welfare of Barangay Healthy Workers. Towards this end, the State shall
4 expand the benefits and incentives of Barangay Officials to include Barangay Health Workers.

5 **SEC. 3. *Section 393, paragraph (a) and (b) of Republic Act No. 7160,*** otherwise known
6 as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

7 “SECTION 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials –

- 8 a) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the lupong
9 tagapamayapa, shall receive honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments as
10 may be authorized by law or barangay, municipal, or city ordinance in accordance
11 with the provisions of this Code, but in no case shall it be less than one thousand
12 pesos (P1,000.00) per month for the punong barangay and six hundred (P600.00)
13 per month for the Sangguniang barangay members, barangay treasurers, [and]
14 barangay secretary **AND BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS:** Provided,
15 howevver. That the annual appropriations for personal services shall be subject to
16 the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five, Book II of this Code;
17 **PROVIDED, FURTHERMORE, THAT THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY**
18 **THIS CODE SHALL BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE APPLICATION**
19 **OF AND ENTITLEMENT TO OTHER INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS**
20 **FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS AS MAY BE PROVIDED BY LAW SUCH**
21 **AS REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6942 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883,**

1 **OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS**
2 **BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT.**

- 3 b) The punong barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the barangay treasurer,
4 [and] the barangay secretary AND THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER shall
5 also:
6 XXX.”

7 **SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days from the
8 approval of this Act, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, in coordination with
9 the Civil Service Commission, shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the
10 implementation of this Act.

11 **SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
12 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and
13 effect.

14 **SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders, administrative orders, and rules
15 and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

16 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
17 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

18 *Approved,*