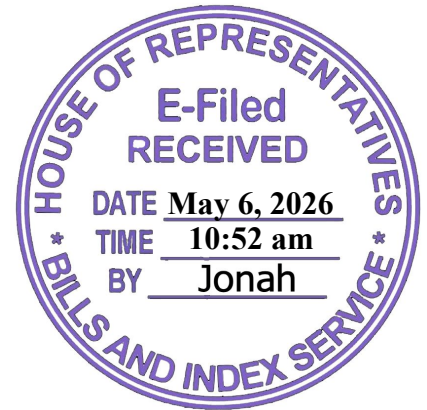




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HOUSE BILL NO. 9117

Introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, and Jude A. Acidre

AN ACT
INCREASING THE ALLOWANCES OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS,
GRANTING HONORARIA AND OTHER BENEFITS TO THE
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THE PURPOSE, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangays serve as the primary frontliners of governance and public service delivery in communities. Barangay officials and workers play a vital role in maintaining peace and order, implementing national and local government programs, responding to disasters, mediating disputes through the *Katarungang Pambarangay* system, and ensuring the effective delivery of basic services at the grassroots level.

However, under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, the honoraria of barangay officials remain pegged at a minimum of ₱1,000 per month for the Punong Barangay and ₱600 per month for each *Sangguniang Barangay* member, Barangay Treasurer, and Barangay Secretary. These amounts were set more than three decades ago and are no longer commensurate with the responsibilities and workload expected from barangay officials.

Moreover, barangay *tanods*, who perform essential functions in maintaining community peace and order and assisting in public safety and

emergency response, are not consistently provided with honoraria and benefits despite the critical services they render.

This measure seeks to update and rationalize the compensation structure of barangay officials by increasing their minimum honoraria, extending compensation and benefits to barangay workers who have rendered at least one year of service, and recognizing the contributions of barangay *tanods* through the grant of honoraria and other benefits.

By providing a more responsive and reasonable compensation framework, the State acknowledges the indispensable role of barangay officials and workers in grassroots governance while encouraging professionalism, accountability, and sustained public service in local communities.

This measure has been filed since the 11th Congress and has been repeatedly referred to the Committee on Local Government.

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



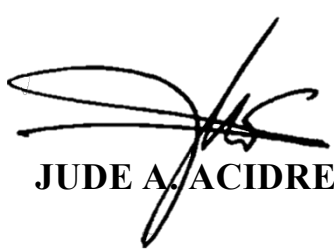
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. Section 393 of the Republic Act numbered 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials - (a) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of 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 [~~One thousand pesos (P1,000)~~] **THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P3,500)** per month for the Punong Barangay and [~~Six hundred~~

~~pesos (P600)]~~ **TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,500)**
per month for the sangguniang barangay members, barangay treasurer,
[~~and~~] barangay secretary, **AND BARANGAY TANODS:** *Provided,*
however, That the annual appropriations for personal services shall be
subject to the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five, Book I of
this Code.

"(b). The Punong Barangay, the sangguniang barangay members,
the barangay treasurer, [~~and~~] the barangay secretary, **AND THE
BARANGAY TANODS** shall also:

"XXX,

~~[(d). 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 or other benefits during their
incumbency, chargeable to the barangay or city or municipal government
to which the barangay belongs.]~~

Section 2. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the initial
implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the
Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) under the current General
Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the
continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of
the city or municipality concerned.

Section 3. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
circulation.

Approved,