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HOUSE BILL No. 1787

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JUMEL ANTHONY I. ESPINO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The intention of this bill to provide better incentives and benefits to our Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) in order to encourage them to give efficient delivery of basic health services to our constituents.

Providing them with these financial help is necessary to minimize their leaving the country and serve instead our kababayans especially now that the health of our population is crucial in the development of our country.

The approval of this bill is then earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
GRANTING INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS TO BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Title of the Act. – This Act shall be known as the “**Barangay Health Workers Benefits and Incentives Act of 2019**”.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy and Principles – It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the Filipino people and instill health consciousness among them by giving each individual unimpaired access to health and wellness services. Toward this end, this Act shall provide incentives and benefits to Barangay Health Workers, the front-liners in the promotion, protection and maintenance of health in the rural areas.

SECTION 3. Incentives and Benefits. – In recognition of their services, Barangay Health Workers shall, in addition to other incentives and benefits granted under existing laws, be entitled to the following:

- a. Hazard allowance in the amount to be determined by the local health board of the Local Government Unit (LGU) concerned;
- b. Subsistence allowance equivalent to the meals they take in the course of their duty, which shall be computed in accordance with prevailing circumstances as determined by the Local Government Unit (LGU) concerned.
- c. Free legal representation and consultation services shall be immediately provided for by the Public Attorney’s Office in case of coercion, interference and other civil and criminal cases filed by or against Barangay Health Workers arising out of or in connection with the performance of their duties as such.

- d. Scholarship in the form of Allowances to be granted up to his/her third legitimate child.

SECTION 4. . Appropriations. - There shall be authorized to be appropriated such amounts as necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act. Afterwards, such sums as may be necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.