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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4618



Introduced by Representative Romulo "Kid" V. Peña, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to include elected and appointed barangay officials as compulsory members of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), amending for the purpose Presidential Decree (PD) No. 1146, as amended, otherwise known as the "Revised Government Service Insurance Act of 1977."


The barangay, as the basic political unit, 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 settled.

The barangay performs its functions through its respective barangay officials who play a crucial role in promoting, developing, and improving the general welfare of the barangay and its residents. The barangay officials are also at the forefront in maintaining peace and order in the barangay which may put their safety and well-being at risk.

The significant contributions and the importance of barangay officials justify the recognition that they rightly so deserve under this proposed measure. This bill recognizes the necessity to provide a remedy to the predicament of our

barangay officials who, after their dedicated service to the government and their respective communities, are not entitled to receive benefits from the GSIS relating to their needs and those of their dependents.

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



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AN ACT
MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED
BARANGAY OFFICIALS AS COMPULSORY MEMBERS OF THE
GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1146, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "REVISED GOVERNMENT SERVICE
INSURANCE ACT OF 1977"

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

SECTION 1. Section 2(i) of Presidential Decree No. 1146 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. –

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(i) *Compensation* - The basic pay or salary received by an employee, pursuant to his election/appointment, excluding per diems, bonuses, overtime pay, honoraria, allowances and any other emoluments received in addition to the basic pay which are not integrated into the basic pay under existing laws: **PROVIDED, THAT IN CASE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, THEIR COMPENSATION, FOR PURPOSES OF COMPUTING THEIR CONTRIBUTION AND FOR SUCH OTHER PURPOSES PURSUANT TO THIS ACT, SHALL REFER TO THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE**

HONORARIA, ALLOWANCES AND SUCH OTHER EMOLUMENTS AS MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY LAW OR BARANGAY, MUNICIPAL OR CITY ORDINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991;

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SEC. 2. Section 3 of the same Presidential Decree is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 3. Compulsory Membership. — Membership in the GSIS shall be compulsory for all employees receiving compensation who have not reached the compulsory retirement age, irrespective of employment status, INCLUDING ELECTED AND APPOINTED BARANGAY OFFICIALS [except] BUT EXCLUDING members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police, subject to the condition that they must settle first their financial obligation with the GSIS, and contractuels who have no employer and employee relationship with the agencies they serve.

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SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The Government Service Insurance System, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government and the Liga ng mga Barangay, shall formulate and adopt the necessary rules to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act. The implementing rules and regulations may include provisions allowing provinces, cities, or municipalities to contribute to or subsidize the premium payments of barangay officials.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,