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HOUSE BILL No. 5003

Introduced by: **HONORABLE HENRY S. OAMINAL**

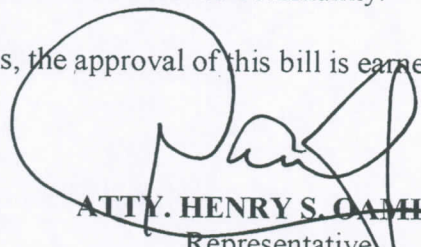
EXPLANATORY NOTE

In due recognition of the responsibilities that barangay health workers perform in rendering basic health services to the residents of the smallest political units in the country, the barangays, Republic Act No. 7883, otherwise known as the Barangay Health Workers' Benefits and Incentives Act of 1995 explicitly provides certain privileges and benefits to barangay health workers.

However, the amount of incentives and benefits in the form of hazard allowance and subsistence allowance is not fixed by law but to be determined by the local health board and the local peace and order council of the local government unit concerned. In other words, their monetary benefits are left at the mercy of these bodies depending on the availability of local funds. This is notwithstanding the fact that they also act as frontliners like barangay officials in the delivery of essential services to barangay constituents.

This bill therefore seeks to grant a monthly honorarium in the amount of not less than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) to accredited barangay health workers in addition to the monetary and non-monetary benefits and incentives they are receiving under the existing law. This additional monetary benefit will certainly be of great help to further strengthen and systematize their services to their beloved community.

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


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AN ACT
GRANTING A MONTHLY HONORARIUM TO ACCREDITED BARANGAY
HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 6 OF
REPUBLIC ACT No. 7883 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY
HEALTH WORKERS' BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995

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

SECTION 1. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 7883 otherwise known as the Barangay Health Workers' Benefits and Incentives Act of 1995 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 6. Incentives and Benefits – In recognition of their services, all accredited barangay health workers who are actively and regularly performing their duties shall be entitled to A MONTHLY HONORARIUM OF NOT LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00), IN ADDITION TO the following incentives and benefits:

a) Hazard Allowance – Volunteer barangay health workers in rural areas, exposed to situation, conditions or factors in the work environment or place where foreseeable but unavoidable danger or risks exist which adversely endanger his health or life and/or increase the risk of producing adverse effect on his person in the exercise of his duties, to be validated by the proper authorities, shall be entitled to hazard allowance in an amount to be determined by the local health board and the local peace and order council of the local government unit concerned.

b) Subsistence Allowance – Barangay health workers who render service within the premise of isolated barangay health stations in order to make their services available at any and all times, shall be entitled to subsistence allowance equivalent to the meals they take in the course of their duty, which shall be computed in accordance with the prevailing circumstance as determined by the local government unit concerned. “

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SEC. 2. The amount necessary to implement this Act shall be charged against the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares of local government units to which the barangay belongs in the following manner:

Thirty percent (30%) – from the barangay

Fifty percent (50%) - from the municipality or city

Twenty percent (20%) – from the province

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,