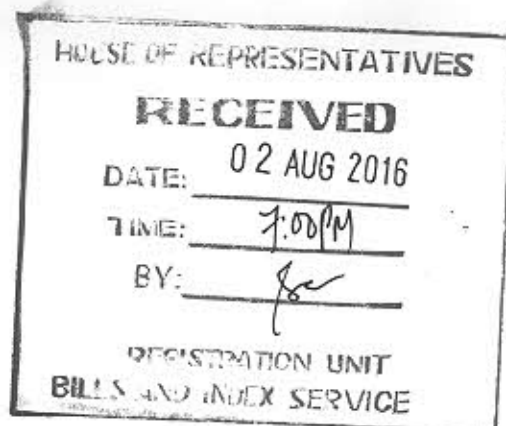


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The "Barangay Tanods" are considered as basically the primary frontliners of our State, responding to any problems with regard to peace and order , or in helping with disaster management in the community, and even in the proper implementation of national or local laws. These individuals even augment the Philippine National Police as the first responders to crimes within their respective barangays.

The Barangay Tanods are, oftentimes, volunteers , whose remuneration for the services they have rendered to their Barangay are in the form of allowances sourced from availability of local government funds. It is high time that our State shows some gratitude to these selfless individuals to reward them for their services to the public.

In view of the foregoing, the State recognizes the integral role of the Barangay Tanods by improving their welfare by giving them additional benefits and incentives such as health and medical, death and burial , comprehensive insurance, monthly hazard pay, and such other incentives that a normal government worker should receive. This bill aims give the Barangay Tanods such additional benefits to improve their welfare and motivate them in their service to the people.

Immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES FOR BARANGAY TANODS , AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 , OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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

Sec. 1. The State recognizes the Barangay Tanod as an integral part of every Barangay particularly in their role in the maintenance of peace and order in the community.

Sec. 2. Paragraph (d), Section 393 of R.A. 7160 is hereby amended as follows:

(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 the city or municipal government to which the barangay belongs:

1. CHRISTMAS BONUS EQUIVALENT TO AT LEAST ONE HALF (1/2) OF WHAT THE PUNONG BARANGAY IS RECEIVING AS MANDATED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE;
2. BE ENTITLED DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY TO A COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE COVERAGE WHICH SHALL INCLUDE LIFE INSURANCE INCLUDING BENEFITS SUCH AS RETIREMENT , DISABILITY, SEPARATION , ACCIDENT , AND SUCH OTHER BENEFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSURANCE PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT.
3. FREE LEGAL SERVICES FROM THE GOVERNMENT LAWYERS IN CIVIL , CRIMINAL , AND ADMINISTRATIVE CASES FILED AGAINST HIM FOR ACTS COMMITTED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES, SUCH BENEFIT SHALL INCLUDE THE EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF DOCKET AND OTHER LEGAL FEES;
4. HAZARD PAY AMOUNTING TO ONE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP1,000) PER MONTH;

5. BE ENTITLED TO FREE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND CARE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO X-RAY, LABORATORY FEES, SURGERY, AND OTHER HOSPITAL EXPENSES IN ANY GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION.

IN CASE OF EXTREME URGENCY WHERE THERE IS NO AVAILABLE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION, THE BARANGAY OFFICIAL ATTENDANCE TO THE NEAREST PRIVATE CLINIC, HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION AND THE EXPENSES NOT EXCEEDING FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP5,000) THAT MAY BE INCURRED THEREIN SHALL BE CHARGEABLE AGAINST THE FUNDS OF THE BARANGAY CONCERNED.

6. BE EXEMPTED DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY FROM PAYING TUITION AND MATRICULATION FEES FOR THEIR LEGITIMATE DEPENDENT CHILDREN ATTENDING STATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY LOCATED WITHIN THE BARANGAY BELONGS; AND

Sec. 3. The amount necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, the amount needed shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act of the Department of Interior and Local Government.

Sec. 4. The Department of Interior and Local Government, in coordination with the Government Services and Insurance System and other government agencies concerned, shall promulgate such rules and guidelines for the proper implementation of this Act.

Sec. 5. All laws, parts of laws, executive orders, ordinances, rules and regulations which are held inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

Sec. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.