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AN ACT
INCREASING THE HONORARIUM AND CHRISTMAS BONUS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, AND GRANTING A LUMP SUM GRATUITY PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00), AND OTHER NON-MONETARY BENEFITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The basic territorial and political subdivision of the Republic of the Philippines is what we call the Barangay. It is granted under the law the power to promulgate its own rules to govern its inhabitants, implement applicable laws to maintain public order, safety and peace among its territory and provide basic services for benefit of the welfare of its residents.

The significant role of the Barangay as the basic government institution represented by its officers is crucial in the development of socio-economic and political administration of the national government of the Republic of the Philippines. It serves as a working horse to address the concerns of localized districts at their grassroots level.

With the aforementioned premises, this bill seeks to reasonably increase the benefits, emoluments, allowances and honoraria to compensate the efforts and motivate our beloved barangay officials in the administration of their respective territorial jurisdiction.

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

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

SEC. 1. Section 393 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the
Local Government Code of 1991 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 393. *Benefits of Barangay Officials.* – (a) Barangay officials, including
barangay tanods and members of the lupongtagapayamapa, 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] SIX
thousand pesos (P[1] 6,000.00) per month for the punong barangay and [Six hundred] THREE
THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED pesos (P[600] 3,500.00) per month for the sangguniang
barangay members, [and] barangay treasurer, and barangay secretary AND TWO THOUSAND
AND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,500.00) FOR BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF
THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA: *Provided, however,* that the annual appropriations for
personal services shall be subject to the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five, Book II
of this Code.

(b) The punong barangay, the sangguniang members, the barangay treasurer, and the
barangay secretary shall also:

- (1) Be entitled to Christmas bonus of at least [One] THREE thousand pesos (P[1] 3,000.00)
each, the funds for which shall be taken from the general fund of the barangay or from
such other funds appropriated by the national government for the purpose [;]:
*PROVIDED, HOWEVER THAT BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE
LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA SHALL ALSO ENJOY THIS BENEFIT.*
- (2) Be entitled, during their incumbency, to insurance coverage which shall include, but
shall not be limited to temporary and permanent disability, double indemnity, accident
insurance, death and burial benefits, in accordance with Republic Act No. 6942 entitle
"An Act Increasing the Insurance Benefits of Local Government Officials and
Providing Funds Therefor."

- (3) Be entitled, to free medical care, including subsistence, medicines, and medical assistance in any government hospital or institution: *Provided, that* such hospital care shall include surgery or surgical expenses, medicines, X-rays, laboratory fees, and other hospital expenses;

In case of extreme urgency where there is no available government hospital or institution, the barangay official concerned may submit himself for immediate attendance to the nearest private clinic, hospital or institution and the expenses not exceeding Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) that may be incurred therein shall be chargeable against the funds of the barangay concerned;

- (4) Be exempted, during their incumbency, from paying tuition and matriculation fees for their legitimate dependent children attending state college or universities. He may likewise avail of such educational benefits in a state college or university located within the province or city to which the barangay belongs; [and]
- (5) Be entitled to appropriate civil service eligibility on the basis of the number of years of service to the barangay, pursuant to the rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission [.]

- (6) BE ENTITLED TO LUMP SUM RETIREMENT GRATUITY PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) TO BE TAKEN FROM THE BARANGAY RETIREMENT GRATUITY FUND: *PROVIDED, HOWEVER,* THAT A RETIREE IS AT LEAST SIXTY (60) YEARS OF AGE WITH A MINIMUM OF NINE (9) YEARS IN SERVICE AT THE TIME OF THE RETIREMENT;

AS USED IN THIS SUB-SECTION, THE TERM "RETIREE" SHALL INCLUDE ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA;

- (7) BE ENTITLED TO TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT IN TRANSPORTATION FARE, AND HOTEL ACCOMODATION CHARGE.

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- (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, FREE TUITION AND MATRICULATION FEES FOR THEIR LEGITIMATE DEPENDENT CHILDREN ATTENDING STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, or other benefits during their incumbency, chargeable to the barangay or the city or municipal government to which the barangay belongs.

SEC. 2. Barangay Retirement Gratuity Fund (BRGF) Created. – There is hereby created a Barangay Retirement Gratuity Fund (BRGF) which shall be used to fund the retirement gratuity of barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the Lupon ng Tagapamayapa, as mentioned in this Act. The amount equivalent to one percent (1%) of the share of the national government under Section 284 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended shall be used for this purpose.

The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall administer and ensure the appropriate disbursement of the Fund.

SEC. 3. Coverage. – The benefits granted under this Act shall cover all barangay officials, barangay tanods and members of the Lupon ng Tagapamayapa, including those in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM);

SEC. 4. Rules and Regulations. – The Department of Budget and Management (DBM), in coordination with the DILG and Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC), shall issue the necessary rules and regulation to implement this Act.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause.–All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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