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**HOUSE BILL NO. 4374**



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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

A barangay is a small political unit of our government. Although small, a barangay has several powers, duties, and functions. Among others, they are empowered to enforce all laws and regulations of the State. The Punong Barangay together with his officials have the responsibility to maintain public order in their jurisdiction. For instance, they mediate disputes at the barangay level so as to avoid legal action and relieve the courts of docket congestion. In addition to this, the Sangguniang Barangay can enact ordinances; levy taxes and other revenue measures; regulate use of public facilities. All of these show the crucial role of the barangay in the life of the nation.

Unfortunately, the benefits and compensation provided by our Local Government Code is not consistent with the amount of duties and responsibilities that their office demands. The fact that our barangays are the smallest political units does not make the officials any less of a public servant.

Thus, in recognition of the valuable role of our barangay officials in our community this measure moves to increase the honorarium provided for them.

The approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT INCREASING THE HONORARIUM OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.**

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

Section 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 lupong tagapamayapa, shall receive honoraria, allowance, 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] **SEVEN** thousand pesos (P[1] 7,000.00) per month for the punong barangay and [Six hundred] **FIVE THOUSAND** pesos (P[600] 5,000.00) per month for the sangguniang barangay members [and] barangay treasurer, and barangay secretary **AND FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (P4,000) 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 barangay members, the barangay treasurer, and the barangay secretary shall also:

(1) Be entitled to Christmas bonus of at least One thousand pesos (P1,000.00) 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;

(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 Numbered Sixty-nine hundred forty-two (R.A. No. 6942), entitled "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 attendance 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 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 colleges 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.

(c) Elective barangay officials shall have preference in appointments to any government position or in any government-owned or controlled corporations, including their subsidiaries, after their tenure of office, subject to the requisite qualifications and the provisions of the immediately preceding paragraph.

(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.

**SEC. 2. Funding.** – 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 Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

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

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

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

Approved.