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HOUSE BILL NO. 3912



Introduced by
REPRESENTATIVE LOREN B. LEGARDA

AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAY UNIT THROUGH SUPPORT FOR
BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND BARANGAY VOLUNTEER WORKERS,
AMENDING REPUBLIC AT NO. 7160 PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Barangay, as defined by RA No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is the basic political unit which serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community. The said law considers the barangay as a forum wherein the collective views of people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled.

In view of the mandate of the barangay government, this measure aims to ease the financial burden of the barangay units by nationalizing the honorarium of the Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Tanods in each of the barangays in the country. This bill also seeks to build the capacities of the barangay officials and volunteers, thus, enduring the proper and continuous implementation of the social programs and projects in the barangays.

It is the intention of this bill to give the appropriate compensation due to our barangay volunteers as a way of our appreciation for their dedication to our barangays.

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



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

- 1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as “The Barangay Reform
2 Act.”
- 3 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared policy of the State to
4 empower and strengthen our Barangay Officials and Barangay Volunteer
5 Workers in order to sufficiently provide front line government services to the
6 Filipino people in the barangay level. The State acknowledges the need to
7 provide for the financial burden of rendering service and the need to properly
8 compensate and capacitate Barangay Officials and Volunteers. Furthermore,
9 the State recognizes the need to ensure continuity of programs, projects and
10 services of each barangay in order to effectively benefit our people.
- 11 SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For the purposes of this Act, the following
12 shall mean:

- 1 a. Barangay Health Worker (BHW) shall refer to a person who has
2 undergone training programs under any accredited government or
3 non-government organization and who voluntarily renders primary
4 health care services in the community after having been accredited
5 to function as such by the local health board in accordance with the
6 guidelines promulgated by the Department of Health (DOH); and
7 b. Barangay Tanod shall refer to all duly appointed members of the
8 barangay tanod brigades, which shall not be more than twenty (20)
9 in each barangay as prescribed by Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise
10 known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

11 SECTION 4. *Honorarium of BHWs and Barangay Tanods.* – In order to ease
12 the financial burden on our barangay officials and volunteers, the following
13 benefits shall be given by the National Government for services rendered by
14 the following Barangay Workers:

- 15 a. One (1) BHW in each Barangay shall receive a monthly honorarium
16 of not less than Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00) from the DOH;
17 and
18 b. At least twenty (20) Tanods, in each barangay, shall receive a
19 monthly honorarium of not less than Five Hundred Pesos (Php
20 500.00) from the Department of Interior and Local Government
21 (DILG).

22 The Barangay may choose to give additional honorarium to the aforementioned
23 volunteers. Provided, that such additional honorarium shall be charges against
24 the local budget of each barangay. Provided further, that Barangays shall
25 ensure that all BHWs receive the same honorarium.
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2 SECTION 5. *Capacity Building for barangay Officials and Volunteer Worker.* –

3 In addition to financial benefits, the National Government shall provide the
4 following to Barangay Officials and Volunteer Workers:

- 5 a. Training and workshops on how to effectively exercise their duty
6 provided by the DILG for Tanods and DOH for BHWs, and any other
7 training fit for Barangay officials and Volunteer Workers.
- 8 b. Philhealth coverage for BHWs, which shall include medical
9 examination and treatment in government hospitals, and fully
10 subsidized by the National Government through the DOH. Provided,
11 that indigent barangay volunteers shall be covered through the full
12 national government subsidy scheme; and
- 13 c. Free legal services from government lawyers or the Public Attorney's
14 Office for cases arising from acts committed in the performance of
15 duty. Provided, that such legal services shall continue, even after the
16 expiration of the term of the Barangay volunteer, until its final
17 disposition.

18 SECTION 6. *Continuity of Barangay Services.* – In order to ensure the
19 continuity of Barangay Services, the term of office of all elected barangay
20 officials after the effectivity of this Act shall be five (5) years.

21 No Barangay elective official shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms
22 in the same position.

23 The power of the DILG regarding suspension, removal, recall, and other
24 disciplinary actions against offending Barangay Official, as prescribed by
25 Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of
26 1991, shall be in full force and effect under this Act.

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2 SECTION 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DILG, in consultation
3 with the Liga ng mga Barangay, DOH, and the Commission on Elections, shall
4 issue the rules and regulations to implement this Act within ninety (90) days
5 after its approval.

6 SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared
7 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
8 provisions hereof.

9 SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances or
10 portion there as well as rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions
11 of this Act are hereby repealed modified accordingly.

12 SECTION 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) after its
13 publication in the Official Gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general
14 circulation.

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16 Approved,