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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution provides:

*"The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health, and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost."*

In faithful observance of the abovementioned constitutional mandate, Republic Act No. 7160 provides that among the services devolved to local government units is the administration of health and social services. Barangays then are responsible for the efficient and effective primary healthcare services delivered through barangay health and daycare centers. However, RA 7160 does not mandate the appointment of full-time health workers which would ensure that all barangays are able to avail of the services rendered by the government.

This bill seeks to guarantee that every barangay will have a proportionate number of full-time health workers with proper accreditation from the local health board. Furthermore, barangay health workers will also be entitled to allowances and other benefits accorded to appointed barangay officials. More importantly, our barangay health workers will have security of tenure.

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

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AN ACT

MANDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS IN EVERY BARANGAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, FURTHER EXPANDING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*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 Health Workers*  
2 *Act.*”

3       **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** — Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987  
4 Philippine Constitution, the State hereby declares the policy of according utmost importance to the  
5 health needs of the nation and shall henceforth endeavor to make essential goods, health, and other  
6 social services available to all the people at affordable cost. Toward this end, the State shall ensure  
7 that accessible and quality health services are extended to each individual through the barangay  
8 health workers as the primary channel for implementing the State’s health policies down to the  
9 barangay health needs, the State shall guarantee the appointment of a health worker in every  
10 barangay as frontline health workers.

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12       **SEC. 3. *Coverage.*** — The provisions of this Act shall be applicable to all barangay health  
13 workers accredited to act as such by the local health board in accordance with guidelines issued by  
14 the Department of Health (DOH). For the purposes of this Act, the term barangay health worker  
15 shall refer to a person who has undergone training program under any accredited government or  
16 non-government organization primarily to render health care services.

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18       **SEC. 4.** Section 387 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government  
19 Code of 1991, as amended, shall be further amended to read as follows:

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21       “SEC. 387. *Chief Officials and Officers.* — (a) There shall be in each barangay a punong  
22 barangay, seven (7) sangguniang barangay members, the sangguniang kabataan chairman, a  
23 barangay secretary, [and] a barangay treasurer, **AND AT LEAST FIVE (5) BARANGAY**  
24 **HEALTH WORKERS: PROVIDED, THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF**



1        **BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS PER BARANGAY SHALL IN NO CASE BE**  
2        **MORE THAN 1% OF THE BARANGAY'S TOTAL POPULATION."**

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4        **SEC. 5.** A new provision shall be inserted between Sections 395 and 396 of the same Act to  
5        be denominated as Section 395-A, which shall read as follows:

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7        **"SEC. 395-A. APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS OF BARANGAY HEALTH**  
8        **WORKERS — THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER AS ACCREDITED AND**  
9        **RECOMMENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL OR CITY HEALTH BOARD IN**  
10       **ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883,**  
11       **OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND**  
12       **BENEFITS ACT OF 1995, SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MUNICIPAL OR**  
13       **CITY MAYOR OF THE AREA WHERE SUCH BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER**  
14       **WILL BE APPOINTED IS LOCATED. A BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER**  
15       **SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ALLOWANCES AND SUCH OTHER BENEFITS TO**  
16       **WHICH OTHER APPOINTED BARANGAY OFFICIALS MAY BE ENTITLED TO**  
17       **NO PERSON DULY APPOINTED AS A BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER SHALL**  
18       **BE REMOVED EXCEPT FOR VALID CAUSE AS PROVIDED UNDER EXISTING**  
19       **CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND ONLY AFTER DUE NOTICE**  
20       **AND HEARING."**

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22       **SEC. 6.** Section 393, paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Local Government Code of the  
23       Philippines, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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25       **"SEC. 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials. —**

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27       (a) Barangay Officials, including barangay tanods and members of the  
28       lupongtagamapayapa, shall receive honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments as  
29       may be authorized by law or barangay, municipal, or city ordinance in accordance with  
30       the provisions of this Code, but in no case shall it be less than One Thousand Pesos  
31       (P1,000.00) per month for the punong barangay and six hundred pesos (P600.00) per  
32       month for the punong barangay and Six Hundred Pesos (P600.00) per month for the  
33       sangguniang barangay members, barangay treasurer, [and] barangay secretary, **AND**  
34       **BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS:** Provided, however that the annual  
35       appropriations for personal services shall be subject to the budgetary limitations  
36       prescribed under Title Five, Book II of this Code; **PROVIDED FURTHERMORE,**  
37       **THAT THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THIS CODE SHALL BE WITHOUT**  
38       **PREJUDICE TO THE APPLICATION OF AND ENTITLEMENT TO THEIR**  
39       **INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS AS MAY BE**  
40       **PROVIDED BY LAW SUCH AS REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6492 AND REPUBLIC**  
41       **ACT NO. 7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY HEALTH**  
42       **WORKERS AND INCENTIVES ACT.**

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44       (b) The punong barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the barangay treasurer, [and]  
45       the barangay secretary **AND THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS** shall also:

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3                   **SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** — The Department of Interior and Local  
4 Government, in coordination with the Civil Service Commission, shall within ninety (90) days from  
5 the enactment of this Act, promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of  
6 this Act.  
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8                   **SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.*** — All laws, decrees, executive orders or parts thereof  
9 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.  
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11                   **SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.*** — If any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or  
12 unconstitutional, the other parts not otherwise affected shall remain in full effect and force.  
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14                   **SEC. 10. *Effectivity.*** — This Act shall take effect immediately after its complete publication  
15 in at least two newspapers of general publication.

*Approved,*