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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay is defined as the basic administrative division in our country. It has also been described to be the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies and programs. And, at the heart of this planning and implementation lies the significant role of barangay officials who are instrumental in directly delivering public service in the community.

Under Republic Act No. 8291, otherwise known as *The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) Act of 1997*, membership in the GSIS shall be *compulsory* for all employees *receiving compensation*. However, it does not automatically include barangay officials as its members merely because Section 393 of the Local Government Code only provided that barangay officials shall only receive honoraria – not *compensation*.

While the creation of GSIS is anchored in promoting the efficiency and welfare of the government employees through social security and financial benefits, its amendment is earnestly needed to show that the Government gives due recognition to barangay officials for their contribution to a public service.

This bill seeks to amend R.A. 8291 by including barangay officials in the compulsory membership of the GSIS in recognition of their years of service and dedication to promote the welfare of the barangay and its residents. Through this compulsory membership, barangay officials, just like any other government employee, can now also be entitled to an array of social security benefits, such as life insurance benefits, separation or retirement benefits, and disability benefits under the law.

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


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AN ACT
SEEKING TO INCLUDE BARANGAY OFFICIALS IN THE COMPULSORY MEMBERSHIP OF
THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS), AMENDING FOR THIS
PURPOSE RA 8291 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
2 promote the welfare and quality of life of our elective barangay officials. The State values
3 the services of its barangay officials and shall endeavor to provide them with insurance
4 coverage to ensure efficient and effective performance of their duties and functions.

5 **SECTION 2. Barangay Officials.** – For purposes of this Act, barangay officials shall
6 refer to the Punong Barangay and the Sangguniang Barangay Members, whether elected or
7 appointed in accordance with Section 45 of the Local Government Code.

8 **SECTION 3.** Section 2(d) of Republic Act No 8291 is hereby further amended to read
9 as follows:

10 “SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. –

11 XXX XXX XXX

12 (d) *Employee or Member* – Any person, receiving compensation while in the
13 service of an employer as defined herein, whether by election or appointment, irrespective of
14 status of appointment, including barangay and sanggunian officials **WHETHER OR NOT**
15 **RECEIVING FIXED MONTHLY COMPENSATION;**

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17 **SECTION 4.** Section 2(i) of the same Republic Act is hereby further amended to read
18 as follows:

19 “SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. –

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