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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Republic Act No. 7160 as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 devolves gargantuan powers and functions to local government units including barangays. Having awesome responsibilities come privileges to barangay officials who are explicitly mandated to perform basic services to the people. It is quite unfortunate however that this landmark legislation expressly limits certain benefit only to barangay officials. It is noteworthy to mention that notwithstanding the fact that the other barangay workers like barangay tanods and accredited barangay health workers who also act as frontliners in the delivery of essential services to barangay constituents, they are not given certain benefits granted to barangay officials like exemption during their incumbency from paying tuition and matriculation fees for their legitimate dependent children attending state colleges or universities.

It is therefore the paramount objective of this important piece of legislation to extend educational benefit to legitimate dependent children of barangay tanods and accredited barangay health workers during their incumbency. This benefit will certainly be of great help to further strengthen and systemize their services to their beloved community.

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

  
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**AN ACT**

**EXTENDING EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT TO LEGITIMATE DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF BARANGAY TANODS AND ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991.**

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

**SEC. 2. Benefits of Barangay Officials.- (a) x x x**

**“(d)** All duly appointed ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND members of the barangay tanod brigades, or their equivalent, which shall not be 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 LOCATED WITHIN THE PROVINCE OR CITY WHICH THE BARANGAY BELONGS and other benefits during their incumbency, chargeable to the barangay or city or municipal government to which the barangay belongs.”

**SEC. 2.** Section 6 of the Republic Act No. 7883 concerning educational benefit of accredited barangay health workers and all laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

**Sec. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

***Approved,***