

**Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila**

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3949



Introduced by Rep. Anna Katrina M. Enverga

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for the inclusion of additional member in the Local Health Boards amending for the purpose Section 102 of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

It is the duty of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them, this is mandated by Article 11, Section 15 of the Constitution.

To carry out the aforementioned constitutional mandate, RA 7160 mandated the local government units to discharge functions related to delivery of health services.

RA 7883 otherwise known as "AN ACT GRANTING BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO ACCREDIT BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." was enacted in 1995 to boost the local government's efforts regarding the provisions of health care services at the barangay level. It recognized the Primary Health Care Approach as the major strategy towards health empowerment, emphasizing the need to provide accessible and acceptable health services through the participatory strategies such as health education, training of barangay health workers, community building and organizing.

The law likewise mandated government and all its instrumentalities to recognize the rights of barangay health workers to organize themselves, to strengthen and systematize their services to their community; and to make a venue for sharing their experiences and for recommending policies and guidelines for the promotion, maintenance and advancement of their activities and services.

While the passage of the aforementioned law for the barangay health workers has indeed seen improvement in the delivery of health services to the grassroots, something may still be done to further uphold and promote the interests of Barangay Health Workers

For instance, notwithstanding of the passage of RA 7883 and the Magna Carta of Public Health Workers, health workers under the Local Government Code are still not properly represented yet RA 7883 mandates that "every incentive or benefit for barangay health worker requiring expenditure of local funds shall be reviewed and approved by the local health board to ensure that only the deserving barangay health workers get the same." (Section 7).

This bill seeks to further uphold the rights and promote the welfare of barangay health workers and to strengthen the Local Health Boards in the LGUs by increasing its membership to include representatives from barangay health workers and to provide additional functions responsive to its mandate and the demand of times.

In view of the foregoing considerations, approval of this bill is highly and earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT STRENGTHENING LOCAL HEALTH BOARDS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTIONS 102 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION. 1. Section 102 (a) (1) – (3) of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended
to read as follows:

"SEC. 102. *Creation and Composition* –

(a) x-x-x-x

- (1) The provincial health board shall be headed by the governor as chairman, the provincial health officer as vice-chairman, and the chairman of the committee on health of the sangguniang panlalawigan, THE DULY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE PROVINCIAL FEDERATION OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, a representative from the private sector or non-governmental organizations involved in health services, and a representative of the Department of Health in the province, as members;
- (2) The city health board shall be headed by the city mayor as

1 chairman, the city health officer as vice-chairman, and the chairman
2 of the committee on health of the sangguniang panlungsod, THE
3 DULY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CITY FEDERATION OF
4 BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS , a representative from the private
5 sector or non-governmental organizations involved in health
6 services, and a representative of the Department of Health in the
7 city, as members; and of Health in the municipality, as members.

8 (3) The municipal health board shall be headed by the municipal
9 mayor as chairman, the municipal health officer as vice-chairman,
10 and the chairman of the committee on health of the sangguniang
11 bayan, THE DULY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL
12 FEDERATION OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, a representative
13 from the private sector or non-governmental organizations involved
14 in health services, and a representative of the Department of Health
15 in the municipality, as members.

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17 **SEC. 2.** Section 102 (B) (1) of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as
18 follows:

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21 (b) The functions of the local health board shall be:

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23 (1) To propose to the sanggunian concerned, in accordance with
24 standards
25 and criteria set by the Department of Health, annual budgetary
26 allocations for the operation and maintenance of health facilities
27 and services, INCENTIVES OR BENEFITS FOR BARANGAY
28 HEALTH WORKERS PRESCRIBED BY LAW AND OTHER MATTERS
29 REQUIRING EXPENDITURES OF LOCAL FUNDS ON HEALTH
30 SERVICES within the municipality, city or province, as the case
31 may be;
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3 **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
4 regulations, and all other issuances inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed repealed,
5 modified or amended accordingly;
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7 **SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.*** - If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of
8 this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which
9 are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.
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11 **SEC. 6. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen **(15)** days after the
12 completion of its publication in at least two *(2)* newspapers of general circulation.
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14 **APPROVED.**