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HOUSE BILL NO. 3153

Introduced by **REP. ROMAN T. ROMULO**
Lone District, Pasig City

AN ACT
UPGRADING THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES OF
BARANGAY TANOD MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENDERED AT
LEAST ONE YEAR OF SERVICE IN THE BARANGAY
GOVERNMENT

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Unknown to many, the maintenance of local peace and order and the promotion of public safety in every nook and corner of our society rests primarily not with the local police, but rather, with a handful of men roaming each and every barangay in the country particularly at night, the Barangay Tanods. These men composed mainly of civilian volunteers, are armed not with a gun but with night sticks, are walking in groups of four (4) to six (6) men instead of riding in patrol cars in protecting their respective areas of jurisdiction and responding to the call of anyone when the need for it arises.

Through the years, the plight of these Barangay Tanods are often neglected. Although they are given some benefits for the task they perform, it is a fact that such benefits are not commensurate with the risk they are encountering while they are on duty. Thus, this proposed measure seeks to remedy the sad plight of our Barangay Tanods.

The proposed legislative measure seeks to increase the benefits presently received by our Barangay Tanods like Christmas Bonus equivalent to one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of what the present Punong Barangay is receiving; insurance coverage equivalent to three-fourth ($\frac{3}{4}$) of what the Punong Barangay is receiving; free legal

services from government lawyers for criminal or civil cases filed against them in the performance of their duties; and preference in the availment of and or membership in barangay livelihood and development projects.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Roman T. Romulo', with a stylized, cursive script.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The State recognizes the “Barangay Tanod”,
2 duly created under the provision of the Local Government Code, as
3 an indispensable instrument in barangay government, particularly in
4 the latter's role in the maintenance and protection of peace and
5 security and the promotion of public safety within the barangay.

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7 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, a Barangay Tanod, means a
8 brigade or body composed of civilian volunteers, duly created at
9 the barangay level, to assist the barangay officials in the effective

1 exercises of law enforcement for the maintenance of peace and
2 order and the promotion of public safety.

3 Barangay Tanod members refer to civilian volunteers, duly
4 appointed by the Sangguniang Barangay, irrespective of the number
5 thereof.

6 **SECTION 3.** Without in any way diminishing the benefits
7 and privileges already granted by the Local Government and other
8 related laws, a member of the Barangay Tanod who has rendered
9 continuous service for at least one (1) year in any barangay shall,
10 during his incumbency, be entitled to the following:

11 (a) Christmas bonus equivalent to at least one half (1/2) of
12 what the Punong Barangay is receiving, as mandated by
13 law or ordinance;

14 (b) An insurance coverage equivalent to three-fourths (3/4)
15 of that received by the Punong Barangay, in accordance
16 with Republic Act Sixty-Nine Forty-Two (RA 6942)
17 otherwise known as "An Act Increasing the Insurance
18 Benefits Of Local Government Officials and Providing
19 Funds Therefor" or the amount provided for under
20 Section 393 (d) of the Local Government Code,
21 whichever is higher;

22 (c) Free legal services from government lawyers for
23 criminal and civil cases filed against him, arising from

1 acts committed in the performance of his duties.

2 Provided, that such legal services shall continue, even
3 after the term of the Barangay Tanod member as long as
4 the subject of the cases filed against him arises from
5 acts committed in the performance of his duties;

6 (d) Preference in the availment of and/or membership in
7 barangay livelihood and development projects, whether
8 initiated by the National Government or the local
9 government units (LGUs).

10 **SECTION 4.** A Barangay Tanod member who is yet to render
11 service as such, to any barangay for a period of one (1) year shall
12 receive the benefits and privileges as mandated by the Local
13 Government Code.

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15 **SECTION 5.** A Barangay Tanod, once appointed, shall not be
16 removed as such nor his services be terminated, except for causes
17 enumerated by the barangay resolution creating the Barangay
18 Tanod, which shall take into consideration the integrity,
19 responsibility and accountability in barangay service of the
20 barangay tanod concerned. The decision to remove a Barangay
21 Tanod for cause shall rest upon the decision of the Sangguniang
22 Barangay concerned.

1 **SECTION 6.** Such sums, as may be necessary for the
2 implementation of the provision of this Act, are hereby authorized
3 to be appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not
4 otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, the amount needed to
5 implement this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the
6 Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) under the
7 General Appropriations Act (GAA).

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9 **SECTION 7.** All general and special laws, acts, city or
10 municipal ordinances, executive orders, proclamations and
11 administrative regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent
12 with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
13 accordingly.

14 **SECTION 8.** The Department of Interior and Local
15 Government shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to
16 implement this Act.

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18 **SECTION 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen days after the
19 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least
20 two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

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22 *Approved,*

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