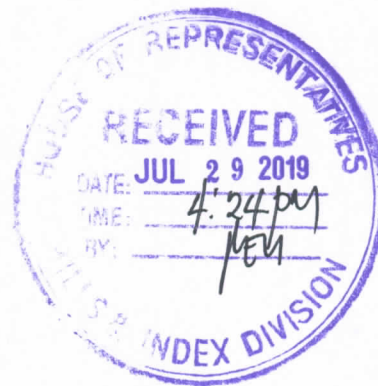


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EXPLANATORY NOTE


Section 384 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, embodies and recognizes that the barangay, as the basic political unit, serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled.

Thus, our barangay officials are the primary frontliners in the delivery of basic and public services to our countrymen. These community leaders unselfishly give their time and services for the welfare of the barangay and its residents. While in service, they receive minimal compensation and granted no benefits.

This proposed measure aims to give due importance to our barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the lupon ng tagapamayapa, a lump sum gratuity pay and other non-monetary benefits. These unsung heroes who dedicate and contribute not only their time but also their efforts and services in delivering basic and public needs of their constituency and in nation building should also be awarded with the recognition they truly deserve.

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


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AN ACT

**PROVIDING ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY
TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, A LUMP
SUM GRATUITY PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS
AND OTHER NON-MONETARY BENEFITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED**

*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, otherwise known as the
Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, is hereby amended to read as
follows:

“SEC. 393. *Benefits of Barangay Officials.* – (a) Barangay officials,
including barangay tanods and members of the lupong tagapamayapa
shall receive honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments as may
be authorized by law or barangay, municipal or city ordinance in
accordance with the provisions of this Code, but in no case shall it be
less than One thousand pesos (P1,000.00) per month for the punong
barangay and Six hundred pesos (P600.00) per month for the
sangguniang barangay members, and barangay treasurer, and
barangay secretary: *Provided, however,* That the annual appropriations
for personal services shall be subject to the budgetary limitations
prescribed under Title V, Book II of this Code.

“(b) The punong barangay, the sangguniang barangay members, the
barangay treasurer, and the barangay secretary shall also:

“(1) Be entitled to Christmas bonus of at least One thousand pesos
(P1,000.00) each, the funds for which shall be taken from the general
fund of the barangay or from such other funds appropriated by the
national government for the purpose;

1 “(2) Be entitled, during their incumbency, to insurance coverage which
2 shall include, but shall not be limited to temporary and permanent
3 disability, double indemnity, accident insurance, death and burial
4 benefits, in accordance with Republic Act Numbered Sixty-nine
5 hundred forty-two (R.A. No. 6942), entitled “An Act Increasing the
6 Insurance Benefits of Local Government Officials and Providing Funds
7 Therefor”;

8 “(3) Be entitled to free medical care, including subsistence, medicines,
9 and medical assistance in any government hospital or institution:
10 *Provided*, That such hospital care shall include surgery or surgical
11 expenses, medicines, x-rays, laboratory fees, and other hospital
12 expenses.

13 “In case of extreme urgency where there is no available government
14 hospital or institution, the barangay official concerned may submit
15 himself for immediate attendance to the nearest private clinic, hospital
16 or institution and the expenses not exceeding Five thousand pesos
17 (P5,000.00) that may be incurred therein shall be chargeable against
18 the funds of the barangay concerned.

19 **“BARANGAY OFFICIALS SHALL ALSO BE ENTITLED TO TEN**
20 **PERCENT (10%) DISCOUNT, AND EXEMPTION FROM VALUE-**
21 **ADDED TAX (VAT), IF APPLICABLE, ON THE SALE OF GOODS AND**
22 **SERVICES FROM ALL ESTABLISHMENTS, PARTICULARLY ON THE**
23 **PURCHASE OF MEDICINES, AND SUCH ESSENTIAL MEDICAL**
24 **SUPPLIES, ACCESSORIES AND EQUIPMENT TO BE DETERMINED**
25 **BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), AND ON THE**
26 **PROFESSIONAL FEES OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIANS**
27 **IN ALL PRIVATE HOSPITALS, MEDICAL FACILITIES, OUTPATIENT**
28 **CLINICS, AND HEALTH HOME CARE SERVICES;**

29 “(4) Be exempted, during their incumbency, from paying tuition and
30 matriculation fees for their legitimate dependent children attending
31 state college or universities. He may likewise avail of such educational
32 benefits in a state college or university located within the province or
33 city to which the barangay belong; [and]

34 “(5) Be entitled to appropriate civil service eligibility on the basis of the
35 number of years of service to the barangay, pursuant to the rules and
36 regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission[.];

37 **“(6) BE ENTITLED TO A LUMP SUM GRATUITY PAY EQUIVALENT**
38 **TO ONE (1) YEAR HONORARIUM, BUT IN NO CASE SHALL EXCEED**
39 **ON HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) TO BE TAKEN**
40 **FROM THE BARANGAY RETIREMENT FUND: PROVIDED,**
41 **HOWEVER, THAT A RETIREE IS AT LEAST SIXTY (60) YEARS OF**

1 **AGE WITH A MINIMUM OF NINE (9) YEARS IN SERVICE AT THE**
2 **TIME OF THE RETIREMENT.**

3 **“AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE TERM “RETIREE” SHALL**
4 **INCLUDE ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY**
5 **TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA;**

6 **“(7) BE ENTITLED TO FRANKING PRIVILEGES FOR THIS PURPOSE,**
7 **BARANGAY OFFICIALS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE PAYMENT**
8 **OF POSTAGE ON ANY MAIL MATTER TO BE SENT TO**
9 **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE**
10 **INDIVIDUALS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS;**
11 **AND**

12 **“(8) BE ENTITLED TO TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT IN**
13 **TRANSPORTATION FARE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**
14 **CHARGE.**

15 “xxx xxx xxx”

16 **SEC. 2. *Barangay Retirement Fund (BRF).*** – There is hereby created a
17 Barangay Retirement Fund (BRF) which shall be used to fund the retirement
18 of barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the lupong
19 tagapamayapa, as mentioned in this Act. The amount equivalent to one
20 percent (1%) of the share of the national government under Section 284 of the
21 Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, shall be used for this purpose.

22 The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall
23 administer and ensure the appropriate disbursement of the BRF.

24 **SEC. 3. *Rules and Regulations.*** – The Department of Budget and
25 Management (DBM), in coordination with the DILG and Department of
26 Transportation, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement
27 this Act.

28 **SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive order, issuances, rules and
29 regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or
30 modified accordingly.

31 **SEC. 5. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
32 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,