Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City

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House Bill No.



Introduced by the Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10742 or the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Reform Act of 2015 introduced various amendments on the law creating the Sangguniang Kabataan.

Under the law, there shall be in every barangay a Sangguniang Kabataan to be composed of a chairperson and seven (7) members who shall be elected by the registered voters of the Katipunan ng Kabataan. The Sangguniang Kabataan chairperson shall, with the concurrence of the majority of the Sangguniang Kabataan members, appoint from among the members of the Katipunan ng Kabataan, a secretary and a treasurer.

The SK chairperson receives a monthly honorarium because he is mandated to serve as an ex officio member of the Sangguniang Barangay upon assumption to office. As such, he or she shall exercise the same powers, discharge the same duties and functions, and enjoy the same privileges as the regular Sangguniang Barangay members.

However, apart from the SK chairperson, all the other SK officials do not receive any compensation from performing their mandate as SK officials. This is the reason why some barangays have incomplete SK councils.

The SK is entitled to 10 percent (10%) of the general fund of the barangay. Surely, SK councilors deserve to receive a portion of such fund as their allowances, especially because they are instrumental in the implementation of youth development and empowerment programs.

As such, the immediate passage of this bill is most earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

GRANTING ALLOWANCES TO SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN (SK) COUNCILORS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10742 ALSO KNOWN AS THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015

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

SECTION 1. The following paragraph is hereby inserted after Section 16 paragraph 6 of Republic Act No. 10742:

"SEC. 16. Privileges of Sangguniang Kabataan Officials.

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- (7) "TO AID IN THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR DUTIES, SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN (SK) COUNCILORS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A MONTHLY ALLOWANCE OF NOT MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 2000.00). SAID ALLOWANCES SHALL BE CHARGABLE TO SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN FUNDS AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO LIQUIDATION."
- SEC. 2. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations and other issuances, or part or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 3. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,