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Introduced by HON. JOSEFINA B. TALLADO

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FIXED SALARIES OF BARANGAY OFFICIAL AND SUCH OTHER BENEFITS BEING RECEIVED BY REGULAR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The important role of the Barangay Officials are yet again highlighted with much more clarity during the government relief efforts amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic. Certainly, they are one of the unsung heroes who are at the forefront of the fight in eradicating COVID-19.

However, despite the pivotal role that the Barangay Officials play, they appear to be improperly and inadequately compensated. It is hightime that Congress should legislate law which will give our Barangay Officials just, proper and reasonable compensation.

This proposed legislation states that a punong barangay should get a salary equal to that of a sangguniang bayan member of his municipality or city, while sangguniang barangay members should receive a salary equivalent to a salary which is 3 salary grades lower than the punong barangay and the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) chairpersons, barangay secretary, and barangay treasurer, to receive a salary equivalent to five (5) salary grades lower than the punong barangay.

The bill also recognizes the Barangay Officials as regular government employees, and as such, they are "entitled to fixed salaries, allowances, insurance, medical and dental coverage, retirement benefits and such other fringe benefits to which a regular government employee may be entitled to."

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Barangay Officials Salaries Act of 2020".

SECTION 2. Barangay Officials as Regular Government Employees. – The Punong Barangay, Members if the Sangguniang Barangay, the Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson, the Barangay Secretary, and the Barangay Treasurer are hereby declared regular government employees, and as such are entitled to the salary, emoluments, allowances, and benefits, such as but not limited to insurance, medical and dental coverage, retirement benefits, and all other fringe benefits, to which a regular government employee may be entitled to,

SECTION 3. Salaries of Barangay Officials. – As soon as the appropriate steps and measures are undertaken by each city or municipality in coordination with the individual barangay involved on matters relating to the sources of fund and the corresponding appropriation ordinance, which in no case shall be later than six (6) months from the approval hereof, the following barangay officials shall be entitled to the following fixed salaries:

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An amount equivalent to the salary grade of a sangguniang bayan member of his municipality or city.

b. Members of the Sangguniang Barangay and An amount equivalent to a salary which is three (3) salary grades lower than the salary of Punong Barangay c. Chairman of the Sangguniang Kabataan, Barangay Secretary and Barangay Treasurer

An amount equivalent to a salary which is five (5) salary grades lower than the Punong Barangay

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SECTION 4. Insurance, Health and Government Benefits Coverage. – All government Insurance and health coverage such as but not limited to coverage under the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Philhealth, and Pag-ibig Fund shall be extended to all barangay officials referred to in this Act.

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SECTION 5. Implementation. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

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SECTION 6. Seperability Clause. If for any reason, part of the provision of this Act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 8. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

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Approved.