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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our barangays are not only the most basic unit of our social structure but also of our political structure. It is the first government agency that would be able to cater to the needs of the People, be it security or social services.

The Barangay Tanods are the officials that spearhead this political unit. They play a crucial role in delivery of government services and the maintenance of peace and order.

These Barangay Tanods who act as both the implementor of government projects and services as well as the keeper of peace and order deserve the same benefits similar officials receive. Officials such as the Punong Barangay, Sangguniang members, Barangay Treasurer and so on.

This bill seeks to include the Barangay Tanod in the list of officials covered by the Republic Act No. 6942, otherwise known as "AN ACT INCREASING THE INSURANCE BENEFITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE". In addition to the inclusion, this bill would also increase the insurance benefits afforded to all the covered local officials.

In recognition of their crucial role in the government and for the foregoing reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

PROVIDING INSURANCE BENEFITS TO BARANGAY TANODS AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF COVERAGE OF INSURANCE BENEFITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6942 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 6942 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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"Section 1. Coverage of the Act. - Every Punong Barangay, sangguniang barangay member, chairman of kabataang barangay, barangay secretary [and], barangay treasurer, BARANGAY TANODS and every member of the sangguniang panlalawigan, sangguniang panglunsod and sangguniang bayan, duly elected or appointed, and duly qualified, who does not receive a fixed salary during his incumbency, shall be automatically covered by this Act; Provided, that the moment said official receives a fixed salary whether in the same capacity or by virtue of a permanent appointment in any other government office or by election to another public office, his coverage under this Act shall automatically cease and shall then be covered by the appropriate law. Any of the above mentioned local officials who shall automatically lose coverage or cease to be covered by this Act by virtue of termination or resignation from office for any lawful cause shall have the option to continue the coverage by paying the required premiums thereon."

SEC. 2. Increase in Insurance Benefits. - All the insurance benefits afforded to all local officials covered by the provisions of Republic Act No. 6942 shall be increased by at least fifty percent (50%), but not more than one hundred percent (100%) of the percent rate.

- **SEC. 3.** Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) in consultation with the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) shall craft the implementing rules and regulations of the provisions of this Act.
- **SEC. 4.** Source of Funds. The amount necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be charged to the fund of the DILG under the current General Appropriations Act.
- **SEC. 5.** Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or any part hereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.
- **SEC. 6.** Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,