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*Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez*

House Bill No. **3801**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 15 of Article II of the Constitution states that it is the policy to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

Section 11 of Article XIII also states: "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The state shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers."

Today, there are still many people who have no access to health care due to lack of health personnel. This bill seeks to address this problem by appointing at least one health worker in every barangay. Further, this bill seeks to give barangay health workers honorarium and other benefits.

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

  
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AN ACT

MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE (1) HEALTH WORKER IN EVERY BARANGAY, INCREASING THEIR SALARIES AND BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

**SECTION 1. Provision of Barangay Health Worker.** - There shall be provided at least one (1) health worker in every barangay throughout the county. Such health worker shall be under the control and supervision of the Department of Health in close coordination with the Local Government Health Officer. As far as practicable, the barangay health worker to be employed must be living in the barangay where he/she is to be assigned, or within the city or municipality in which the barangay is to be found.

**SEC. 2. Salary Grade.** - The barangay health worker shall receive monthly salary and benefits equivalent to a salary grade not lower than SG 10 pursuant to Section 7 of Republic Act No. 6758 or the Salary Standardization Law of 1989; Provided, that they have acquired the necessary civil service eligibility. In addition, the barangay health worker shall be entitled to a Christmas bonus equivalent to one (1) month salary, and all the benefits granted to other barangay employees within their city or municipality, including the incentives and benefits under Republic Act No. 7883 otherwise known as the Barangay Health Workers' Benefits and Incentives Act of 1995.

**SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulation.** - The Department of Health shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act.

**SEC. 4. Appropriation.** - The sum of Twenty Million Pesos (Php20,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the initial implementation of this Act. Such amount as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included and integrated in the General Appropriations Act as part of the budget of the Department of Health.

**SEC. 5. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 6. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,