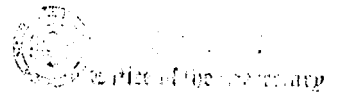


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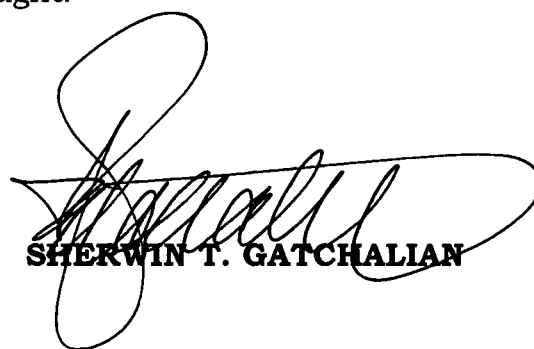
The role of the Barangay in our society is crucial as they are the basic unit where the primary planning and implementation of government programs are effected. A microcosm of the government, which by itself is authorized to enact laws, enforce them, as well as exercise judicial functions in its katarungang pambarangay duties - the barangay officials are on-call 24/7 for the welfare of its constituency. Their political jurisdiction maybe small, but their duties are expansive and calls for direct assimilation among members of the community.

The provision in the Local Government Code enumerating the benefits and privileges for these barangays officials leave much to be desired. If we are to effectively give to the local government units the self-sufficiency that

the government envisions, we must be able to provide the conditions conducive to a productive leadership.

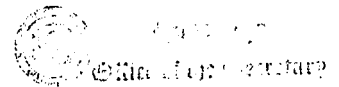
This bill proposes to fill-in the inequities in the present law by providing for the increase in their honorarium and Christmas bonuses and granting an additional benefit of a lump sum gratuity pay upon their retirement – the much needed benefit and privilege to our hard-working barangays officials.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 SECTION 1. Section 393 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise
2 known as the Local Government Code of 1991 is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:

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5 **"SECTION 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials.**

6 - (a) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods and
7 members of the lupong tagapamayapa, shall receive
8 honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments as
9 may be authorized by law or barangay, municipal or city
10 ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this
11 Code, but in no case shall it be less than [One] **FIVE**
12 thousand pesos (P[1] 5,000.00) per month for the

1 punong barangay and [Six hundred] **THREE**
2 **THOUSAND** pesos (P[600] 3,000.00) per month for the
3 sangguniang barangay members, [and] barangay
4 treasurer, and barangay secretary **AND TWO**
5 **THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00) FOR BARANGAY**
6 **TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG**
7 **TAGAPAMAYAPA:** *Provided, however,* That the annual
8 appropriations for personal services shall be subject to
9 the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five,
10 Book II of this Code.

11
12 (b) The punong barangay, the sangguniang
13 barangay members, the barangay treasurer, and the
14 barangay secretary shall also:

15
16 (1) Be entitled to Christmas bonus of at least
17 [One] **TWO** thousand pesos (P[1] 2,000.00) each, the
18 funds for which shall be taken from the general fund of
19 the barangay or from such other funds appropriated by
20 the national government for the purpose[;]: **PROVIDED,**
21 **HOWEVER, THAT BARANGAY TANODS AND**
22 **MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA SHALL**
23 **ALSO ENJOY THIS BENEFIT.**

24
25 (2) Be entitled, during their incumbency, to
26 insurance coverage which shall include, but shall not be
27 limited to temporary and permanent disability, double
28 indemnity, accident insurance, death and burial
29 benefits, in accordance with Republic Act Numbered
30 Sixty-nine hundred forty-two (R.A. No. 6942), entitled
31 "An Act Increasing the Insurance Benefits of Local
32 Government Officials and Providing Funds Therefor;"

33
34 (3) Be entitled to free medical care, including
35 subsistence, medicines, and medical assistance in any
36 government hospital or institution: *Provided, That* such

1 hospital care shall include surgery or surgical expenses,
2 medicines, X-rays, laboratory fees, and other hospital
3 expenses;
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5 In case of extreme urgency where there is no
6 available government hospital or institution, the
7 barangay official concerned may submit himself for
8 immediate attendance to the nearest private clinic,
9 hospital or institution and the expenses not exceeding
10 Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) that may be incurred
11 therein shall be chargeable against the funds of the
12 barangay concerned;
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14 (4) Be exempted, during their incumbency, from
15 paying tuition and matriculation fees for their legitimate
16 dependent children attending state college or
17 universities. He may likewise avail of such educational
18 benefits in a state college or university located within the
19 province or city to which the barangay belongs; [and]
20

21 (5) Be entitled to appropriate civil service
22 eligibility on the basis of the number of years of service
23 to the barangay, pursuant to the rules and regulations
24 issued by the Civil Service Commission[.];
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26 **(6) BE ENTITLED TO A LUMP SUM**
27 **RETIREMENT GRATUITY PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE**
28 **(1) YEAR HONORARIUM TO BE TAKEN FROM THE**
29 **BARANGAY RETIREMENT GRATUITY FUND:**
30 **PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT A RETIREE IS AT**
31 **LEAST SIXTY (60) YEARS OF AGE WITH A MINIMUM**
32 **OF NINE (9) YEARS IN SERVICE AT THE TIME OF**
33 **THE RETIREMENT;**
34

35 **AS USED IN THIS SUB-SECTION, THE TERM**
36 **"RETIREE" SHALL INCLUDE ALL BARANGAY**

1 **OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS AND**
2 **MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA;**

3
4 **(8) BE ENTITLED TO TWENTY PERCENT (20%)**
5 **DISCOUNT IN TRANSPORTATION FARE, AND HOTEL**
6 **ACCOMODATION CHARGE.**

7
8 (c) xxx xxx xxx

9 (d) All duly appointed members of the barangay
10 tanod brigades, or their equivalent, which shall number
11 not more than twenty (20) in each barangay, shall be
12 granted insurance, **FREE TUITION AND**
13 **MATRICULATION FEES FOR THEIR LEGITIMATE**
14 **DEPENDENT CHILDREN ATTENDING STATE**
15 **COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**, or other benefits
16 during their incumbency, chargeable to the barangay or
17 the city or municipal government to which the barangay
18 belongs..

19
20 SEC. 2. **Barangay Retirement Gratuity Fund (BRGF) Created.** - There is
21 hereby created a Barangay Retirement Gratuity Fund (BRGF) which shall be used
22 to fund the retirement gratuity of barangay officials, including barangay tanods and
23 members of the Lupon ng Tagapamayapa, as mentioned in this Act. The amount
24 equivalent to one percent (1%) of the share of the national government under
25 Section 284 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended shall be used for
26 this purpose.

27
28 The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall
29 administer and ensure the appropriate disbursement of the Fund.

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31 SEC. 3. **Coverage.** - The benefits granted under this Act shall cover all
32 barangay officials, barangay tanods and members of the lupon ng tagapamayapa,
33 including those in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM);

34
35 SEC. 4. **Rules and Regulation.** - The Department of Budget and
36 Management (DBM), in coordination with the DILG and Department of

1 Transportation and Communications (DOTC), shall issue the necessary rules and
2 regulation to implement this Act.

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4 SEC. 5. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and
5 regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified
6 accordingly.

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8 SEC. 6. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
9 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,