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**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF COMPENSATION IN THE FORM OF
ADDITIONAL HONORARIUM TO BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This is a re-filed bill originally authored by then, Representative Lilia M. Nuño of the 2nd district of Zamboanga City during the 16th Congress as House Bill No. 229.

Article II Section 15 of the Philippine Constitution states that, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." At the forefront of the government's health advocacy, are our Barangay Health Workers.

Section 17 of Republic Act No. 7160 of the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates the Local Government Units (LGUs) to assume the health service implementation role in the communities, while the national government is responsible for ensuring technical standards and equity in health. Thus, the activities of Barangay Health Workers in the communities are operationally and administratively supported by LGUs.

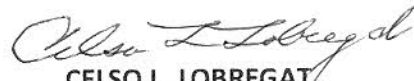
Republic Act No. 7883, otherwise known as the Barangay Health Worker's Benefits and Incentives Act of 1995 officially recognized the invaluable contribution of Barangay Health Workers to the community health development. Barangay Health Workers, aside from providing basic health education and services at the grassroots level, also conducts data gathering imperative in determining urgent health issues; assist regularly in the immunization program launched periodically by the government; and helps the Population Commission (POPCOM) in the conduct of issues.

Under Republic Act No. 7883, Barangay Health Workers are given various incentives and benefits, such as hazard allowance and subsistence allowance, as well as other non-monetary entitlements. Aside from all of these, the bill proposes to grant a modest compensation in the form of an additional honorarium of Four Thousand Pesos (Php 4,000.00) to all Barangay Health Workers on top of the current

amount of incentives they receive per month from their respective LGUs. In order to help depressed 4th, 5th and 6th class LGU's, this bill further authorizes the national government to provide the necessary subsidy for the payment of the proposed honorarium to Barangay Health Workers nationwide.

Through this bill, Barangay Health Workers will receive an additional regular monthly compensation in the form of an honorarium of Four Thousand Pesos (Php 4,000.00), thereby ensuring their welfare and of the State, in general.

In view of the foregoing, 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:*

SECTION 1. *Compensation of Barangay Health Workers.*- In addition to the benefits and incentives authorized under Republic Act No. 7883, accredited Barangay Health Workers shall be granted compensation in the form of an additional honorarium of Four Thousand Pesos (Php 4,000.00) on top of the current amount of incentives they receive per month from their respective LGUs.

SECTION 2. *Funding.*- The amount of the grant of honorarium herein authorized shall be chargeable to the Barangay or Municipality or City to which the Barangay Health Workers belongs and shall be in accordance with Section 17 Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991; provided, that the national government shall appropriate the necessary subsidy for the payment of the proposed honorarium to Barangay Health Workers in the 4th, 5th and 6th class LGUs concerned.

SECTION 3. *Amendment.*- Republic Act No. 7160 and other pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 7883 are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Implementing Guidelines.*- The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH) and

Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall issue the necessary guidelines for implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.*- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national papers of general circulation.

APPROVED.