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HOUSE BILL NO. 3715



Introduced by Hon. Elenita Milagros "Eileen" Ermita-Buhain

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 384 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code reads:

"As the basic political unit, the barangays serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people maybe expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled."

Barangay Officials being at the forefront of public service, given their proximity to our communities, are expected to work beyond the perceived normal working hours of government. They are expected to provide the most basic social services that the government could provide its constituency.

Thus, the objective of this bill is to strengthen and ensure that these public servants can efficiently carry out their responsibilities. As such, it is but proper that the State increase the benefits of barangay officials given their responsibility which goes beyond the ambit of regular government services.

In view of the foregoing premises, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. Ermita-Buhain".

ELENITA MILAGROS "EILEEN" ERMITA – BUHAIN

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"AN ACT
AMENDING PARAGRAPH (A), SECTION 393, CHAPTER IV, TITLE I, BOOK III
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AS
AMENDED, INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS."

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a), Section 393, Chapter IV, Title I, Book III of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

(a) Barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the lupong tagapamayapa, shall receive honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments as may be authorized by law or barangay, municipal or city ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this Code, but in no case shall it be less than [One thousand pesos (P1,000.00)] TWENTY PERCENT (20%) ABOVE THE MINIMUM WAGE RATE PREVAILING IN THE REGION per month for the punong barangay and [Six hundred pesos (P600.00)] THE MINIMUM WAGE RATE PREVAILING IN THE REGION per month for the sangguniang barangay members, barangay treasurer, and barangay secretary: Provided, however, That the annual appropriations for personal services shall be subject to the budgetary limitations prescribed under Title Five, Book II of this Code;

xxx."

Section 2. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations and/or administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

Section 3. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,