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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 389 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines lists the duties and responsibilities of the Punong Barangay which includes enforcing all laws and ordinances, maintaining public order and safety in the Barangay, ensuring the delivery of basic services, and promoting the general welfare of the Barangay.

In performing their duties and responsibilities, these Barangay Captains face danger on an everyday basis. Many of them even lose their lives in the line of service.

Thus, this Representation finds the relevant need to provide Barangay Captains with additional insurance benefits for their protection and financial security, and for assuring the basic financial state of their families should anything happen to them. This will give a sense of security to our highest ranking elected barangay officials, and empower them to effectively carry out their duties and responsibilities for the country.

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


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AN ACT

**GRANTING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO BARANGAY CHAIRMEN,
PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ITS PREMIUMS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Additional Barangay Captains' Insurance Act of 2016."

SEC. 2. Additional Insurance Benefits for Barangay Captains. - In addition to the insurance benefits given to the Barangay Captains by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) under Republic Act No. 8291, a term insurance coverage providing the following benefits shall be granted to all barangay captains:

1. Death benefits	P200,000.00
(a) Due to assassination or ambush	
(b) Due to accidents and other similar circumstances while in the discharge of their official functions	
2. Attempted assassinations not resulting in death but resulting in serious physical injury	50,000.00
3. Burial expenses	50,000.00
4. Reimbursement of actual medical expenses not to exceed	P100,000.00

The aforesaid written permission or waiver shall be submitted within thirty (30) days from the date of their assumption of office: Provided, however, that public officials and employees who are already exercising the functions of their respective offices upon the effectivity of this Act shall submit the same not later than thirty (30) days from the effectivity of the Rules and Regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. *Disqualification from benefits.* – No benefits shall be given to any barangay captain or his/her beneficiaries when the injury, sickness or death was occasioned or caused by any of the following:

- (a) Habitual drunkenness or intoxication;
- (b) Willful intention to injure or kill oneself;
- (c) Notorious negligence; or
- (d) Unauthorized absence or abandonment of office for at least one (1) month prior to death or accident.

SEC. 4. *Actuarial Study.* – The GSIS shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, conduct an actuarial study to determine the premiums to be paid corresponding to the benefits to be granted to barangay captains in accordance with the schedule provided in Section 2.

SEC. 5. *Appropriation.* – The National Government shall appropriate annually and include in the General Appropriations Act an amount corresponding to the total annual insurance premiums of the barangay captains based on the actuarial study under Section 4 hereof.

SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The GSIS, in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government, shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If for any reason any provision or section of this Act is declared unconstitutional, such portions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,