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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Frontline services depend largely on the role of barangay officials and their time, energy, and resources being channelled to resolve or address a broad spectrum of social and community-based concerns.

Section 2 of Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution stipulates thus, "The promotion of social justice shall include the commitment to create economic opportunities based on freedom of initiative and self-reliance."

The bill takes its moorings on the fact that there are opportunity costs when barangay officials have to perform their duties and responsibilities in practically 24/7 in order to bring to their constituents the highest form of service that they deserve.

Financial assistance equivalent to three (3) months of their basic salary and allowances if they have already served three (3) terms are small gestures on the part of government for having been agents of government to effect national development.

The immediate passage of this piece of legislation is most fervently prayed for.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BARANGAY OFFICIALS WHO HAVE SERVED FOR THREE (3) TERMS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted in the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines in Congress assembled`

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Barangay Officials' Financial Assistance Act."

SEC. 2. There shall be provided financial assistance to barangay officials who have served for three (3) terms equivalent to three (3) months of their basic salary and allowances.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual budget of the local government unit concerned.

SEC. 4. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as to diminish, in any manner, any benefit granted by existing laws, rules and regulations, local ordinances and other issuances especially favorable to barangay officials.

SEC. 5. Within six (6) months from the approval of this Act, the DILG shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

Approved,