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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The barangay is the most important political unit of our country. It is where the interaction between the State and its people is direct and immediate. The barangay 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 may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled. As such, barangay officials not only play an indispensable role in the delivery of basic services, but more importantly, they are crucial partners to nation-building.

Barangay officials are tasked to perform functions and duties similar to those of city or municipal officials, such as enactment and enforcement of laws and ordinances, maintenance of peace and order, delivery of basic services and promotion of general welfare. However, compared to other local government officials, barangay officials receive monthly honoraria instead of fixed monthly salaries and are not entitled to the same employment benefits and privileges.

Thus, in recognition of the vital and immeasurable contribution of barangay officials to our nation, the proposed bill seeks to make barangay officials regular government employees with fixed salaries, allowances, insurance, medical and dental coverage, retirement benefits and other fringe benefits to which regular government employees are entitled to.

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

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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 "Regularization of Barangay Officials Act."

SEC. 2. Barangay Officials as Regular Government Employees. - The punong barangay, sangguniang barangay members, the sangguniang kabataan chairman, the barangay secretary, and barangay treasurer in all barangays are hereby declared regular government employees, and as such entitled to fixed salaries, allowances, insurance, medical and dental coverage, retirement benefits and such other fringe benefits which, under Civil Service laws, rules and regulations, a regular government employee may be entitled to.

SEC. 3. Salaries of Barangay Officials. - As soon as the appropriate steps and measures are undertaken by each city or municipality in coordination with the individual barangay involved on matters relating to the sources of fund and the corresponding appropriation ordinance, which in no case shall be later than six (6) months from the approval hereof, all barangay officials mentioned in paragraph 2 hereof, shall be entitled to the following fixed salaries:

(a) Punong Barangay - An amount equivalent to the salary of a sangguniang panlungsod or sangguniang bayan member of his city or municipality;

(b) Seven (7) Sangguniang Barangay Members - An amount equivalent to eighty percent (80%) of the salary of a sangguniang panlungsod or sangguniang bayan member of his city or municipality; and

(c) Sangguniang Kabataang Chairman, Barangay Secretary, Barangay Treasurer - An amount equivalent to seventy-five percent (75%) of

the salary of a sangguniang panlungsod or sangguniang bayan member of his city or municipality.

SEC. 4. Budgetary Estimates. - The Secretary of Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall submit to Congress the necessary budgetary estimates

dental, and retirement benefits, and other fringe benefits of barangay officials.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The DILG, in consultation with the Civil Service Commission and other government agencies charged with the carrying out of the provisions of this Act shall within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

to implement the provisions of this Act concerning the allowances, insurance, medical,

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 8. *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,