Our Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) are important components in the battle against the COVID 19 pandemic. They are also in the frontlines of this fight most especially in the different barangays across the country. The services that they render during this difficult time is vital to the success of the government’s counter measures against an unseen and deadly enemy. They are also proponents of primary health care services to the Filipino people. The Department of Health and our local government units recognize their contributions in delivering basic health care services to the grassroots effectively.

This bill seeks to acknowledge the services of our barangay health workers for their positive contribution to the government’s health programs in providing essential health services to less fortunate people in the barangays, and entice more individuals to pursue a career in this field of government service.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.
AN ACT PROVIDING SECURITY OF TENURE FOR BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING SECTION 6 (D) OF REPUBLIC ACT 7883 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS’ BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995.”

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

SECTION 1. Section 6(d) of Republic Act No. 7883 is hereby amended to read as follows

Section 6. Incentives and benefits.- In recognition of their services, accredited Barangay Health Workers who are actively and regularly performing their duties shall be entitled of SECURITY OF TENURE and incentives and benefits.

d) Civil Service Eligibility.- a second grade eligibility shall be granted to Barangay Health Workers who have rendered TWO (2) YEARS CONTINUOUS SERVICE, the Barangay Health Workers become regular employee of the government, the total number of years rendered as barangay health workers shall be credited to his/her service in computing retirement benefits.

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause.- All laws, Decrees, Executive Orders which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. Effectivity.- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication.

Approved,