

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1922



Introduced by **ANG PROBINSYANO**
Party-List Representative Alfred Delos Santos

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 15 of the Constitution states that: "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." Health is a foremost concern given the consequences that follow if it is not properly monitored. Children would not be able to go to school, employees would not be able to work, and many vital functions of society would not be done if the individual responsible for them are sick.

Hence, there is a paramount consideration when it comes to measures ensuring that the population remains healthy. However, access to health services remains a challenge for policymakers. Besides the high price for mere consultations, the costs of medicine remain relatively high despite legislation to make it cheaper. Thus, even vulnerable families would opt to walk off disease because budgetary constraints would not allow them to see a doctor.

This is where barangay health workers come into the picture. Barangay health workers are the frontline personnel in dealing with health concerns in our communities. Coupled with sanitation service workers, barangay health workers enable the State to pursue and implement its preventive policies to ensure that each community is safe from illness.

Thus, it is only proper and right that the State should properly compensate our barangay health workers for the tireless and important work that they do. To ensure that each Filipino household is free from sickness, we must turn to our barangay health workers for the task at hand

It is for these foregoing premises that the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ASSIGN AT LEAST
ONE (1) BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER TO EACH FAMILY INCREASING
THEIR SALARIES AND BENEFITS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Kalusugan ng Barangay Act of 2022."

SECTION 2. *Provision of Barangay Health Workers.* - There shall be provided in every barangay throughout the country at least one (1) health worker assigned to each family. Such health workers shall be under the control and supervision of the Department of Health (DOH) in close coordination with the Local Government Health Officer. As far as practicable, the barangay health worker to be employed must be living in the barangay where heshe is to be assigned or within the city or municipality where the barangay is to be found.

SECTION 3. *Salary Grade and Other Benefits.* - The barangay health worker shall receive monthly salary and benefits equivalent to a salary grade not lower than SG10 pursuant to the current Salary Standardization Law in place for government employees. In addition the barangay health worker shall be entitled to a Christmas bonus equivalent to their one (1) month salary, and all the benefits granted to other barangay employees within their city or municipality, including incentives and benefits under Republic Act No 7883.

SECTION 4. *Appropriations.* - The sum of Twenty Million Pesos (P20,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the initial implementation of this Act. Such amount as may be necessary for the continued implementation of

this Act shall be included and integrated in the General Appropriations Act as part of the budget of DOH.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The DOH shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees or issuances, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules, and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,