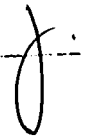


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Explanatory Note

The issue of malnutrition has always been one of the government's concerns. In 1978, Presidential Decree No. 1569 was promulgated in order to address the same through the launching of a project which entailed providing each barangay with a nutrition worker.

Although the decree may have made its contribution in reducing malnutrition in the country, it is important to note that malnourished children still abound. It is thus high time to revisit the implementation of the 1978 law and re-examine other ways that could further improve the state of malnutrition in the country.

Through this legislative measure, a mandatory position of a Barangay Nutrition worker is created.

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

  
**LOREN LEGARDA**  
**Senator**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Presidential Decree No. 1569 entitled "Strengthening the Barangay  
2 Nutrition Program by providing for a Nutrition Scholar in Every Barangay" is  
3 hereby amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 1. **BARANGAY NUTRITION PROGRAM.** To strengthen the  
5 Barangay Nutrition Program, there shall be **CREATED** under the  
6 administration and **SUPERVISION** of the **NATIONAL NUTRITION**  
7 **COUNCIL IN COORDINATION WITH THE CITY** or **MUNICIPALITY** and  
8 the **BARANGAY, ONE (1) MANDATORY POSITION OF BARANGAY**  
9 **NUTRITION WORKER IN EVERY BARANGAY WITH A MONTHLY**  
10 **ALLOWANCE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND PESOS**  
11 **(P5,000.00).**

12 Section 2. **BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER.** The Barangay  
13 Nutrition Worker shall be **APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR WITH THE**  
14 **CONCURRENCE OF THE MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE**  
15 **SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OR THE SANGGUNIANG** Panlungsod, **THE**  
16 **SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY CONCERNED AND UPON THE**  
17 **RECOMMENDATION OF THE NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL.** The  
18 barangay nutrition worker shall be responsible for delivering nutrition  
19 services and other related activities such as community health, backyard  
20 food production, environmental sanitation, culture, supplemental feeding  
21 and family planning to the barangay.

22 Section 3. **SERVICES.** The barangay nutrition worker, while  
23 [continuously learning] **UNDERGOING ACTUAL TRAINING** under this  
24 program, shall serve the barangay on a voluntary basis for at least [a  
25 period of one year] **SIX MONTHS. THEREAFTER, THE NATIONAL**  
26 **NUTRITION COUNCIL SHALL ASSESS HIS/HER PERFORMANCE AND**  
27 **MAKE THE NECESSARY RECOMMENDATION FOR HIS/HER**  
28 **APPOINTMENT.**

29 Section 4. **QUALIFICATIONS.** The qualifications of a Barangay  
30 Nutrition Worker shall be as follows:

- 1 a. Bonafide resident of the barangay for at least one (1) year, with ability
- 2 to speak the dialect, if applicable;
- 3 b. Possession of leadership potentials and the initiative and willingness
- 4 to serve the barangay (for at least one year);
- 5 c. Willingness to learn and to teach what he/she learned to the
- 6 barangay people;
- 7 d. At least a (primary) **HIGHSCHOOL** graduate;
- 8 e. Physical and mental fitness; and
- 9 f. At least eighteen (18) years old but not more than sixty (60) years old.

10 Section 5. **RECRUITMENT.** The barangay nutrition worker shall be

11 recruited from within the barangay and shall be tested on mental ability

12 and proper work attitude.

13 Section 6. **TRAINING.** Before actual barangay service, the barangay

14 nutrition worker shall undergo a ten-day (10) training on selected topics

15 such as nutrition, health, food production and environmental sanitation

16 – based on defined task expectations to be conducted by a provincial

17 training team in coordination with the municipal and barangay nutrition

18 committee. This training shall be supplemented by a twenty-day (20)

19 practicum to be conducted in the barangay where the worker is assigned,

20 and such activity shall be in coordination with the local training team.

21 Section 7. **BENEFITS.** The Barangay Nutrition Worker shall be

22 entitled to a training stipend, meal and travel allowance of at least

23 P250.00 a day. **DURING THE PERIOD OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

24 **PRIOR TO HIS/HER APPOINTMENT, THEY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO**

25 **ALLOWANCE OF TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00) A MONTH.**

26 The Barangay Nutrition Worker shall be granted a civil service eligibility

27 equivalent to second grade after the completion of at least two (2) years of

28 continuous and satisfactory service in the barangay.

29 Section 8. **INCENTIVES. TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE**

30 **PROGRAM, THE NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL, IN**

31 **COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SHALL**

32 **FORMULATE A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WHERE INCUMBENT AND**

33 **DESERVING BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKERS SHALL BE GIVEN**

34 **THE OPPORTUNITY TO AVAIL OF A SCHOLARSHIP GRANT IN ANY**

35 **STATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY AND PURSUE A COURSE**

36 **RELEVANT TO HIS/HER PRESENT POSITION.**

37 Section 9. **NUTRITION COMMITTEES.** The implementation of this

38 project shall be under the full responsibility of a Provincial/City Nutrition

39 Committee headed by the Governor/City Mayor as Chairman and a

40 Municipal Nutrition Committee headed by the Mayor as Chairman.

41 Section [9] 10. **LOCAL TRAINING TEAM.** The local training team of

42 the municipality shall be composed of two members chosen from among

43 the members of the Municipal Nutrition Committee. This team shall

44 follow up the activities of the trained barangay nutrition worker.

45 Section 11. **ROLE OF THE MAYOR.** The Municipal/City Mayor

46 shall initiate activities to implement this project within the municipality,

47 organize the local training teams and may recommend the appropriation

48 by his municipality/city of a local counterpart in the form of additional

49 allowance for the barangay nutrition worker.

1 Section 12. **BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKERS STAFF**  
2 **SECRETARIAT.** There shall be a staff secretariat in every province/city  
3 which shall monitor the progress of the program, identify its problems  
4 and recommend possible solutions thereto.

5 Section 13. **NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL.** The National  
6 Nutrition Council shall formulate rules and regulations, plans and  
7 programs within the limits set forth in this Act, allocate the funds for this  
8 project to the various provinces and/or agencies, for disbursement in  
9 accordance with the financial plan of the Barangay Nutrition Workers  
10 Project.

11 Section 14. **DONATIONS.** For the purposes of this Program, the  
12 National Nutrition Council and the local governments, are authorized to  
13 receive grants, donations, gifts or bequests from various government  
14 agencies, government corporations and private entities, such donation  
15 being tax exempt.

16 Section 15. **APPROPRIATIONS.** The amount of One Million Pesos  
17 (P1,000,000.00) out of any available funds from the National Treasury or  
18 from the Special Activities Fund is hereby appropriated and authorized to  
19 be released for the organization and initial operation of the Council and  
20 the local governments for the purposes of this program. Local  
21 governments are likewise authorized to appropriate such amount  
22 necessary for the successful implementation of this program.  
23 **PROVIDED, THAT THE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY SHALL**  
24 **APPROPRIATE AS PART OF ITS ANNUAL BUDGET FOR PERSONAL**  
25 **SERVICES THE NECESSARY AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND PESOS**  
26 **(P1,000.00) PER MONTH PER BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER,**  
27 **PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THIRD TO FIFTH CLASS**  
28 **MUNICIPALITIES SHALL APPROPRIATE FIVE HUNDRED PESOS**  
29 **(P500.00) PER MONTH PER BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER.**

30 **THE DIFFERENCE IN THE FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00)**  
31 **MONTHLY ALLOWANCE PER BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER**  
32 **SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT**  
33 **(GAA) FOR THE YEAR FOLLOWING ITS ENACTMENT.**

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35 **Sec. 2. Separability Clause.** - Should any part or provision of this Act be  
36 declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof not  
37 otherwise affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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39 **Sec. 3. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders or any part  
40 thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified  
41 accordingly.

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43 **Sec. 4. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect upon publication in the Official  
44 Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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46 Approved,