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**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "*Magna Carta of Barangay*
2 *Health Workers*".

1 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect
2 and promote the right to health of people and adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to
3 health development, and pursuant thereto, it shall endeavor to make essential goods, healthcare
4 and other social services available to all the people. In line with the country’s commitment to
5 accomplish health indicator targets under United Nations sustainable development goals, the
6 State shall adopt policies that promote the welfare and well-being of barangay health workers
7 who are the forefront of the delivery of health care at the grassroots level, and effectively harness
8 their potential as partners in development.
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10 **SEC. 3. Definition.** – As used in this Act, the term “*barangay health worker*” refers to a
11 person who has undergone training under any accredited government or non-government
12 organization (NGO), and who voluntarily renders primary healthcare services in the community
13 after having been accredited to function as such by the local health board.

14 **SEC. 4. Coverage.** – This Act shall apply to all barangay health workers (BHWs) as
15 defined under Section 3 of this Act: *Provided*, That all incentives and benefits granted under this
16 Act shall extend only to duly accredited BHWs, who have undergone at least two (2) years of
17 training: *Provided, however*, That duly registered barangay health workers shall be entitled to a
18 monthly honoraria and hazard allowance as provided in Sec. 9 herein: *Provided, further*, That
19 when the BHW receives a fixed salary under a permanent appointment in any government office,
20 by election to another public office or by employment in the private sector, coverage under this
21 Act shall automatically cease and the BHW shall be covered under applicable laws.

22 **SEC. 5. Registration.** – All BHWs shall be registered with the local health board in the city
23 or municipality in which they render service. Registered BHWs shall be given appropriate proof
24 of said registration.

25 The municipal and city health offices shall regularly update and maintain the BHW
26 Registry with the assistance of the BHW Federation. The BHW Registry shall be subject to the
27 approval of the municipal or city health board. The local health offices shall submit a copy of the
28 updated and duly approved registry to the Provincial Health Office for consolidation and
29 validation with the assistance of the Provincial BHW Federation, which shall also be subject to
30 the approval of the Provincial Health Board. The Provincial BHW Registry shall be posted in the
31 municipal or city bulletin board and barangay health centers.

32 The Provincial BHW Registry shall be submitted on or before April 30 of every year to the
33 Department of Health (DOH) at the regional and national levels for consolidation. The DOH is
34 hereby mandated to maintain a national registry of BHWs.