

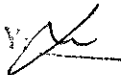
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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA) was granted to all employees of the government in 1991 in order to cushion the impact of increase of prices of commodities since the Gulf Crisis then, the Philippines included, has affected many countries. PERA served as a buffer as many of our countrymen were struggling to make both ends meet.


Over the years, prices of commodities continued to increase and the purchasing power of peso continued to decline. Government workers, with their low pay, are hard up and are still facing tougher times.

Sometime in 2009, Joint Resolution No. 26 of the Congress of the Philippines was passed wherein PERA increased to P2000.00, to supplement pay due to the rising cost of living.

However, this amount is still not enough to improve the quality of life of our government workers. Thus, it is essential that we address their financial needs and at the same time motivate them to be more productive and render services in an efficient manner.

Thus, this bill seeks to increase the Personnel Economic Relief Allowance from P2000.00 to P4000.00 for all government workers.

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

  
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**AN ACT**  
**INCREASING THE PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF ALLOWANCE GRANTED TO**  
**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO FOUR THOUSAND PESOS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**  
**THEREFOR**

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

**Section 1. Augmentation of the Personnel Economic Relief Allowance.** The Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA) is hereby increased from the present Two Thousand Pesos (P2, 000) per month to Four Thousand Pesos (P4, 000) per month. The PERA shall henceforth be referred to as the Augmented Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (APERA).

**Section 2. Coverage.** The APERA shall be granted to civilian government personnel whether employed by the national or local governments, appointive or elective, and whether occupying regular, contractual, or casual positions, whose positions are covered by Republic Act 6758, otherwise known as the "Compensation and Position Classification Act of 1989," as amended, as well as military and uniformed personnel, *Provided*, That government personnel stationed abroad already receiving overseas allowances shall not be entitled to APERA.

**Section 3. Appropriations.** For the first year of the implementation of this Act, funds necessary for the APERA of national government agencies shall be charged against savings, which for this purpose includes unreleased appropriations and other programmed appropriations. Thereafter, the amount necessary shall be provided in the annual General Appropriations.

For local government units, the APERA shall be charged against their respective local funds. Any deficiency shall be charged against the balances of the Internal Revenue Allotments, which are hereby authorized to be realigned for the purpose. Thereafter, the amount necessary shall be provided in the respective local budgets.

**Section 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** The Department of Budget and Management shall issue implementing rules and regulations within fifteen days from the effectivity of this Act.

**Section 5. Repealing Clause.** All laws, decrees, resolutions, orders, or ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**Section 6. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in one newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*