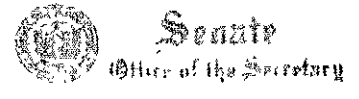


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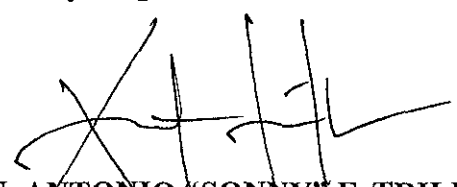
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Explanatory Note

Consistent with the policy of the State to help foster socio-economic security and general well-being of the country's veterans in recognition of their patriotic services in times of war and peace, it is but appropriate that the government provides assistance to the next-of-kin of veterans after their demise. It is but suitable to accord our veterans who risked their lives for the protection of our liberty and democracy with a decent burial befitting a gentleman in uniform. And with the prices of all commodities have considerably increased over time, it is necessary that the burial assistance to the next-of-kin of a deceased veteran be increased.

Thus, this bill seeks to increase from Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) to Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) the burial assistance to the next-of-kin of a deceased veteran, unless the said person is entitled to a similar benefit similar benefit from the United States Government by further amending Section 20 of Republic Act (RA) No. 6948, as amended, otherwise known as "*An Act Standardizing and Upgrading the Benefits for Military Veterans and their Dependents*".

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


SEN. ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
Senator

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AN ACT

INCREASING THE BURIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS FROM TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00) TO TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE BENEFITS FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS"

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 20 of Republic Act No. 6948, as amended, is hereby further amended to
2 read as follows:

3 "SEC. 20. *Burial Assistance.*- [Unless the person who defrayed the expenses for
4 the funeral of a deceased veteran is entitled to a similar benefit from the United States
5 Government, he/she shall be given Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) as burial assistance
6 upon application therefor in due form which shall be filed within two (2) years from the
7 death of the veteran concerned.] **THE PERSON WHO DEFRAIDED THE EXPENSES
8 FOR THE FUNERAL OF A DECEASED VETERAN SHALL BE GIVEN
9 TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00) AS BURIAL ASSISTANCE UPON
10 APPLICATION THEREFOR IN DUE FORM WHICH SHALL BE FILED
11 WITHIN TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE DEATH OF THE VETERAN
12 CONCERNED.**"

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14 SEC. 2. *Appropriations.*- The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall
15 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

1 **SEC. 3. *Effectivity.***- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
2 Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,