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It has been said that heroes are not born, they are made. If this is true, then it makes the heroism of our war veterans all the more valiant and intrepid because it is always easier to take the cowardly route or turn the other cheek to your fellowmen's suffering than to stand your ground and put your life on the line to defend your country. What adds even more luster to this valiance is the fact that they did this without assurance of recompense. For this alone, they should be adulated. In the olden days, songs would be sung narrating these heroic deeds as attribute to their bravery.

Sadly, our own heroes, our war veterans, remain heroes with songs unsung. It is indeed a travesty that for the longest time we have seemingly overlooked the needs of these veterans. The current assistance we offer their loved ones is 10,000 pesos for their burial. This is hardly enough to cover all the necessary expenses to cover interment. Our veterans deserve the most honorable of burials, in my opinion, the best that money can buy. But unfortunately, our government's coffers are not adequate enough to fund this. Instead, I suggest that we do the next best thing, that is to raise the amount of monetary burial assistance to 30,000 pesos to at least give them a decent and dignified burial.

It is for these reasons that I urge my colleagues to join me in my efforts for the urgent passage of this measure.


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**AN ACT INCREASING THE BURIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS FROM
TEN THOUSAND (P10,000.00) TO THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS
(P30,000.00), 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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Section 20 of the Republic Act 6948, as amended, is hereby
further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 20. Burial Assistance. – Unless the person who
defrayed the expenses for the funeral of a deceased veteran is
entitled to a similar benefit from the United States Government, he
[] OR she shall be given [Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00)]
THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (P30,000.00) as burial assistance
upon application therefore in due form which shall be filed within
two (2) years from the death of the veteran concerned."

SECTION 2. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general
circulation.