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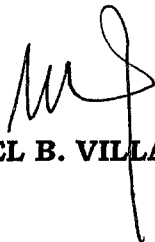
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Being the vanguards of peace and order in the country, the State, as its policy, should extend greater assistance and contribute to the general well-being of its law enforcers.

This bill aims to provide hospitalization, medical treatment and care in government hospitals for members of the Philippine National Police, their immediate family and other dependents.

The approval of this bill will undoubtedly go a long way in boosting the morale of the police force, thus increasing their efficiency in the performance of their tasks.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING HOSPITALIZATION, MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT BY
OTHER GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO PNP MEMBERS, AND TO PROVIDE
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Statement of Policy.- It is the declared policy of the State to extend greater assistance and contribute to the general well-being of law enforcers in order to foster and improve their socio-economic security and advancement in due recognition to the delicate task they perform in the preservation and promotion of peace and order, and in keeping with the goals of the Government and the aspirations of the people.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. - For the purpose and use of this Act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- a. Police personnel - are officers, non-officer ranks, cadets and trainees in the active service of the Philippine National Police;
- b. Active police service - any active police duty in the Philippine National Police;
- c. Overseas service- includes any period of service commencing from the date of departure from the Philippines for service in foreign territory and terminating upon the date of return to Philippine soil;
- d. Dependent - any spouse, child or parent still under the care and support of a police member;
- e. Surviving spouse - the lawful widow or widower of the deceased police member;
- f. Children - this includes any child below eighteen (18) years of age entitled to support under existing laws;
- g. *Police veteran* - any person who rendered and served in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Korean Campaign, the Vietnam Campaign, the Anti-Dissidence Campaign or other wars and military campaign.

SECTION 3. Police Medical Benefits. - Any police member who is disabled owing to sickness, disease, wounds or injuries sustained in the line of duty shall be provided with necessary medical attention free of charge by medical center defined in this Act.

SECTION 4. Medical Services. - All members of the Philippine National Police and police veterans shall be provided with hospitalization, medical care and treatment by selected government hospitals or in such other medical centers other than the PNP Medical Center who could provide better medical facilities, including their eligible dependents and such other persons as may be authorized pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the NAPOLCOM; Provided, That eligible dependents shall be limited to the spouse, unmarried minor children or children who are mentally or physically incompetent regardless of age, and dependent's parents or foster parents regardless of police's civil status.

SECTION 5. Medical Centers. - The AFP Medical Center and the Veterans Memorial Medical Center shall be considered as the primary medical centers designated to provide the hospitalization, and medical services to eligible police members and dependents and for this purpose shall be upgraded and expanded to provide an additional five hundred (500) beds to be defined in the preceding Section.

SECTION 6. Police Wards. - The Department of the Interior and Local Government shall enter into agreement with selected government hospitals and with the Department of National Defense and Philippine Veterans Affairs Office for the establishment of the Police Wards in the designated medical centers.

SECTION 7. Hospitalization in Other Government Hospitals. - In cases where it is more convenient and expedient for the PNP members and their dependents, they may be admitted into any hospital or health institution of the national, provincial or city government other than those designated medical centers, and can avail medical treatment for sicknesses, wound or injury resulting from police campaign operation, incurred in line of duty or as a consequence of the performance of such duty chargeable to Philhealth pursuant to arrangements between the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the Secretary of Health.

SECTION 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The concerned government agencies shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. - All laws, rules, regulations, orders, circulars and memoranda inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Appropriation. - The amount of One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated to carry out the initial implementation of this Act and shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 11. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,