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EXPLANATORY NOTE


The Constitution mandates that the Armed Forces of the Philippines be the primary protector of the State and of the Filipino people. They are the men and women who will defend the country from all forms of strife, whether global in scope or local in nature. They are the ones whose lives are devoted to safeguard the basic rights of every individual. And in them, lies the responsibility of giving security, peace and order to our countrymen.

It is common knowledge, however, that despite the formidable tasks assigned to them lie the sacrifices they have to willingly offer for the country, not to mention the danger leveled against their lives and limbs aggravated by their negative financial profile as reflected by the soldier's low basic pay.

Through Presidential Decree No. 352 issued by former President Ferdinand Marcos, a Special Group Term Insurance was created for the members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines which was designed to help its members, in the form of wake and burial assistance in the amount of Six Thousand Pesos (P6,000.00). By another executive fiat (P.D. 1965), the amount was raised to Twelve Thousand Pesos (P12,000.00). Admittedly, a militiaman is covered by the compulsory insurance granted by the Government Service Insurance System, the same however, is not enough for the sustenance of a grieving widow and her children.

This Bill, therefore, seeks to provide adequate insurance to our militiamen.

Immediate approval of this Bill is fervently called for.


MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR.
Senator

1 THEREIN AND: *PROVIDED FURTHER*, THAT BENEFITS GRANTED HEREIN SHALL
2 BE FORFEITED BY THOSE WHO ARE CHARGED AND SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND
3 GUILTY OF CRIME AGAINST THE STATE, EXCEPT ONE-HALF THEREOF,
4 CORRESPONDING TO THE PREMIUM MADE BY THE INSURED, WHICH SHALL
5 INSURE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE LEGAL HEIRS AND THE BENEFICIARIES TO
6 BE PAID IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR IN THE LAST PRECEDING SENTENCE.”

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8 **SECTION 2.** The additional government counterpart premium contributions required
9 to carry out the purpose of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated and such sum
10 shall thereafter be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act of the Department of
11 National Defense.

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13 **SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
14 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

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16 Approved,