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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A THREE THOUSAND PESO (PHP3,000.00) INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY PENSION OF WAR VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The Constitution is firm in recognizing the vital role that war veterans played in our history and our country; to wit, in Article XVI, Section 7 it states that "The State shall provide immediate and adequate care, benefits and other forms of assistance to war veterans and veterans of military campaigns, their surviving spouses and orphans. xxx"

This bill aims to further this policy by increasing the monthly pension due our war veterans by three thousand pesos (P3,000.00). This will be a great help to war veterans and their dependents especially now that we are facing rising cost of basic needs.

Further, more than the monetary value this proposed measure may attribute to our veterans, we are showing war veterans our appreciation of their bravery and loyalty to our country.

In this regard, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.



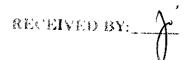
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as "The Php3,000.00 Increase in the Monthly Pension for War Veterans Act of 2015".

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Section 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to alleviate the living conditions of the ordinary Filipino through policies that provide for a decent and humane standard of living and improved quality of life, particularly of the workers, both private and public; to free the people from poverty through policies that provide a rising standard of living and an improved quality of life for all; and to promote social justice through the adoption of measures calculated to ensure the well-being and economic security of all the members of the community.

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Section 3. *Increase in Monthly Pension* – The monthly pension of all Filipino War Veterans shall be increased by Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) across the board.

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Section 4. Rules of Succession of Beneficiaries – The monthly pension shall be granted directly to the war veteran, if he is still living. Upon the death or incapacity of the war veteran, his pension shall be released in favor of his surviving spouse and in the latter's death or incapacity, to the eldest legitimate child of the war veteran.

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Section 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — The Department of National Defense (DND) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

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Section 6. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of National Defense (DND) under the current General Appropriations Act.

Section 7. Separability Clause. — If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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Section 8.. Repealing Clause. – All laws, executive orders or issuances, or any parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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Section 9. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,