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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution mandates that the Armed Forces of the Philippines be the primary protector of the state of the Filipino people.

Time and again, the country has depended on our military and police in safeguarding the basic rights of every individual. It is common knowledge, however, that despite the formidable task assigned to them lie the sacrifices they have to offer 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 for the members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines was created designed to help its members in the form of wake and burial assistance in the amount of P6,000.00. This amount was later increased to P12,000.00.

This bill seeks to address the said economic plight of military men and their families by increasing the aforesaid insurance to P50,000. Thus, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT

INCREASING THE SPECIAL GROUP TERM INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES INCLUDING THE MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED 352, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION ONE. Section 1 of Presidential Decree Numbered 352, as amended by Presidential Decree Numbered 1635, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Subject to such terms and conditions as maybe mutually acceptable to the [Government Service Insurance System or other insurance firms] ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINE MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (AFPMBAI) AS THE INSURER, [and] the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) AND THE CHIEF, PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, including the rates of insurance premiums contribution (remaining fifty percent), and approved by the [Minister] SECRETARY of National Defense and SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPECTIVELY, each member of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the [Integrated] PHILIPPINE National Police in active service, to include cadets of the Philippine Military Academy, the Philippine Air Forces Flying School, and the PHILIPPINE draftees, shall be insured under an annual Special Group Term Insurance Coverage program, renewable annually thereafter, [for not exceeding P12,000.00] For Not Less Than Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) per said member, in addition to such compulsory insurance for members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the [Integrated] PHILIPPINE National Police by the Government Service Insurance System as provided for by existing laws : PROVIDED, THAT PAYMENT OF ONE-HALF OF THE BENEFITS, CORRESPONDING TO THE GOVERNMENT COUNTERPART

PREMIUM, SHALL BE MADE TO THE LEGAL HEIRS AS DEFINED IN THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE OTHER HALF TO THE DESIGNATED BENEFICIARIES THEREIN: AND, *PROVIDED, FURTHER*, THAT THE BENEFITS GRANTED HEREIN SHALL BE FORFEITED BY THOSE WHO ARE CHARGED AND SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND GUILTY OF CRIME AGAINST THE STATE, EXCEPT ONE-HALF THEREOF, CORRESPONDING TO THE PREMIUM PAID BY THE INSURED, WHICH SHALL INSURE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE LEGAL HEIRS AND THE BENEFICIARIES TO BE PAID IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR IN THE LAST PRECEDING SENTENCES.”

SEC. 2. The additional government counterpart premium contributions required to carry out the purpose of this act is hereby authorized to be appropriated and such sum shall thereafter be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the Department of National Defense and the Department of Interior and Local Government respectively.

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

Approved,