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(In Substitution of S. Nos. 648 and 1285)

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**“AN ACT
REDEFINING THE TERM “VETERAN” THEREBY AMENDING FURTHER
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948 AS AMENDED”**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 (a), Title I of Republic Act No. 6948 is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 “(a) Veteran – any person who rendered military service in the land,
4 sea or air forces of the Philippines during the Revolution against Spain, the
5 Philippine-American War and the World War II, including Filipino citizens who served
6 with the Allied Forces in Philippine territory and foreign nationals who served in the
7 Philippine Forces. A veteran of military campaign is any person who became part of
8 the Philippine expeditionary forces sent to the Korean war and the Philippine citizens
9 action group sent to the Vietnam war; or who rendered military service in the Armed
10 Forces of the Philippines and has been honorably discharged or separated after at
11 least twenty (20) years total cumulative active service, or sooner separated due to
12 death or disability arising from a wound or injury received, or sickness or disease
13 incurred, in line of duty while in the active service;”

14 **SEC. 2.** For purposes of the administration of veterans benefits provided for
15 in Republic Act No. 6948 as amended by Republic Act No. 7696, the Department of
16 National Defense shall issue the implementing rules and regulations.

17 **SEC. 3. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, rules, regulations, orders, circulars
18 and memoranda inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
19 accordingly.

1 **SEC. 4. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
2 publication in at least two national newspapers of general circulation.

3 Approved,