



S E N A T E

S. No. 1480

(In substitution of S. Nos. 683 and 911)

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AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE DISABILITY PENSION OF VETERANS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, ENTITLED, "AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE BENEFITS FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR BENEFICIARIES," AS AMENDED

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 6948, as  
2 amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

3                       “SEC. 5. *Pension Rates.* – A veteran who is  
4           disabled owing to sickness, disease, wounds or

1 injuries sustained in line of duty shall be given a  
2 monthly disability pension in accordance with  
3 the rates prescribed hereunder [~~unless he is~~  
4 ~~actually receiving a similar pension for the same~~  
5 ~~disability from other government funds or from~~  
6 ~~the United States Government~~]:

7 (a) If and while the disability is rated  
8 anywhere from ten to thirty per centum (10% -  
9 30%) the monthly pension shall be [~~One~~  
10 ~~thousand pesos (P1,000.00)~~] FOUR THOUSAND  
11 FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P4,500.00);

12 (b) If and while the disability is rated  
13 anywhere from thirty-one to forty per centum  
14 (31% - 40%), the monthly pension shall be [~~One~~  
15 ~~thousand one hundred pesos (P1,100.00)~~] FIVE  
16 THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED PESOS  
17 (P5,300.00);

18 (c) If and while the disability is rated  
19 anywhere from forty-one to fifty per centum  
20 (41% - 50%), the monthly pension shall be [~~One~~

1       ~~thousand two hundred pesos (P1,200.00)] SIX~~  
2       THOUSAND    ONE    HUNDRED    PESOS  
3       (P6,100.00);

4               (d) If and while the disability is rated  
5       anywhere from fifty-one to sixty per centum  
6       (51% - 60%), the monthly pension shall be [~~One~~  
7       ~~thousand three hundred pesos (P1,300.00)] SIX~~  
8       THOUSAND    NINE    HUNDRED    PESOS  
9       (P6,900.00);

10              (e) If and while the disability is rated  
11       anywhere from sixty-one to seventy per centum  
12       (61% - 70%), the monthly pension shall be [~~One~~  
13       ~~thousand four hundred pesos (P1,400.00)]~~  
14       SEVEN    THOUSAND    SEVEN    HUNDRED  
15       PESOS (P7,700.00);

16              (f) If and while the disability is rated  
17       anywhere from seventy-one to eighty per  
18       centum (71% - 80%), the monthly pension shall  
19       be [~~One thousand five hundred pesos~~

1       ~~(P1,500.00)]~~ EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE  
2       HUNDRED PESOS (P8,500.00);

3               (g) If and while the disability is rated  
4       anywhere from eighty-one to ninety per centum  
5       (81% - 90%), the monthly pension shall be [~~One~~  
6       ~~thousand six hundred pesos (P1,600.00)]~~ NINE  
7       THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED PESOS  
8       (P9,300.00);

9               (h) If and while the disability is rated  
10       anywhere from ninety-one to one hundred per  
11       centum (91% -100%), the monthly pension shall  
12       be [~~One thousand seven hundred pesos~~  
13       ~~(P1,700.00)]~~ TEN THOUSAND PESOS  
14       (P10,000.00); plus [~~Five hundred pesos~~  
15       ~~(P500.00)]~~ ONE THOUSAND PESOS  
16       (P1,000.00) for the spouse and each unmarried  
17       minor children: *Provided*, That a veteran, [~~with~~  
18       ~~or without a service connected or non-service~~  
19       ~~connected disability,~~] upon reaching the age of  
20       seventy (70) AND NOT RECEIVING

1           DISABILITY PENSION UNDER THIS ACT, is  
2           deemed ~~[totally]~~ disabled ~~[with one hundred per~~  
3           ~~centum (100%) rating]~~ and shall be entitled to a  
4           monthly pension of One thousand seven  
5           hundred pesos (P1,700.00) ONLY: ~~[plus Five~~  
6           ~~hundred pesos (P500.00) for the spouse and each~~  
7           ~~unmarried—minor—children.]~~   *PROVIDED,*  
8           *FURTHER,* THAT THE ENTITLEMENT TO  
9           THE DISABILITY PENSION AUTHORIZED  
10          HEREIN SHALL BE PROSPECTIVE AND  
11          LIMITED TO ELIGIBLE LIVING VETERANS  
12          ONLY.”

13          SEC. 2. *Appropriations.* – The initial amount  
14          necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be  
15          charged against the ~~[current—year's—available~~  
16          ~~appropriations—of—the—Philippine—Veterans—Office]~~  
17          PENSION AND GRATUITY FUND. Thereafter, such sums  
18          as may be needed for the continued implementation of this  
19          Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations  
20          Act.

1           SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part  
2 hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of  
3 the law or the provision or part not otherwise affected shall  
4 remain valid and subsisting.

5           SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential  
6 decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction,  
7 administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or  
8 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby  
9 repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

10          SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen  
11 (15) days following its complete publication in the *Official*  
12 *Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of general  
13 circulation.

Approved,