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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Scholarships are granted to qualified children of the Philippine Veterans by the PVAO. However, it has been reported that various schools nationwide turned down the enrollment of thousands of PVAO scholars due to accumulated unpaid school bills. High ranking PVAO officials and field officers have to appeal to owners, presidents and registrars of several colleges and universities in their areas to admit the scholars on a "study now, pay later" scheme, and payments will be made as soon as the funds become available.

It must be remembered that these scholars are the children of Philippine Veterans who risked their lives and fought for our freedom. Some of them died defending our country. Thus, due recognition should be given to them. Their children who hope to complete their education to be able to have bright futures should be protected. Schools that will deny them admission, even on "study no pay later" schemes have to be penalized.

This bill seeks to penalize schools, colleges and universities which refuse admission of qualified scholars of the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO).

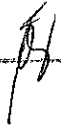
Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
WHICH REFUSE ADMISSION OF QUALIFIED SCHOLARS OF THE
PHILIPPINE VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** In the implementation of Republic Act No. 6948, as amended,
2 entitled, "An Act Standardizing and Upgrading the Benefits for Military Veterans and
3 their Dependents", any school, college or university which shall refuse admission of
4 qualified scholars of the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO) for reason of
5 delayed payment of tuition and other fees by the PVAO shall, after due notice and
6 hearing, be penalized by a fine of not less that Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) for the
7 first offense; Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) for the second offense; and Fifty
8 Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) for the third offense.

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10 **SEC. 2.** All complaints covered under this Act shall be filed with the Commission
11 on Higher Education (CHED).

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13 **SEC. 3.** The fines collected as provided under Section 1 hereof shall be deposited
14 to the scholarship funds of the PVAO.

1 **SEC. 4.** The CHED, in coordination with the PVAO, shall issue necessary rules
2 and regulations for the complaints filed under this Act.

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4 **SEC. 5.** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent
5 with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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7 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
8 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation, whichever comes first.

Approved,