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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 7, Article XVI of the Constitution mandates the State to provide immediate and adequate care, benefits, and other forms of assistance to war veterans and veterans of military campaigns, their surviving spouses and orphans. The State further recognizes the veterans as equal partners in nation building who possess potential capabilities for economic progress and not as mere recipients of government assistance. In line with the spirit of this provision, funds ought to be provided therefore and due consideration ought to be given to our veterans and their family members. However, our veterans have yet to benefit from the implementation of this provision of the Constitution. It is, therefore, incumbent upon the State to guarantee that assistance rightly due to our veterans is provided for.

This measure is being proposed to recognize the invaluable contribution of the veterans as noble defenders of the State. Without whom, the nation and its people will not be able to enjoy the fruits of freedom and democracy today. Together with this recognition is the concrete intervention on the part of the State to compliment the invaluable devotion, patriotism, sacrifices, and gallant deeds of these veterans with the most responsive and continuing programs and projects for their care, benefits, and welfare.

This proposed measure seeks to extend preference of employment to any one of the children of veterans in the government, including government-owned and/or government controlled corporations to improve their socioeconomic security and well-being and of their kin and in by doing so our government will somehow realize its constitutional mandate of providing assistance to said beneficiaries without affecting the national budget.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly requested

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
*Senator*

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**AN ACT**  
**EXTENDING PREFERENCE OF EMPLOYMENT TO ANY ONE CHILD OF**  
**VETERANS IN THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED**  
**AND/OR GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND FOR**  
**OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1.     Short Title.** -- This Act shall be known as the ***"Employment Opportunities For Family Members of Veterans Act of 2010"***.

**SEC. 2.     Declaration of Policy.** -- The government recognizes the invaluable contribution of the veterans as noble defenders of the State. Without whom, the nation and its people will not be able to enjoy the fruits of freedom and democracy today. Such recognition goes with the government's responsibility to compliment the invaluable devotion, patriotism, sacrifices, and gallant deeds of veterans with the most responsive and continuing programs and projects for their care, benefits, and welfare. The State also recognizes the veterans as equal partners in nation building who possess potential capabilities for economic progress and not as mere recipients of government assistance.

Towards this end, it is the policy of the State to enhance the socio-economic security and well-being of veterans and their families.

**SEC. 3.     Coverage.** -- As used in this Act, the term "veteran" shall be defined in accordance with Republic Act No. 6948, as amended.

**SEC. 4.     Preference of Employment.** -- All government agencies, including government-owned and/or -controlled corporations, shall give preferential attention to hire or employ any child of a veteran: *Provided*, That in the absence or disqualification

of the said child, a grandchild shall be hired or employed in his/her stead: *Provided, further,* That the child or grandchild, as the case may be, shall approximately be equal in qualification with other applicants for the vacant position: *Provided, furthermore,* That this benefit shall be extended only once to one (1) member of the veteran's family and that the said child or grandchild, as the case may be, shall not be related within the fourth civil degree by consanguinity to any official or employee of the government agency.

**SEC. 5.     *Exclusion.*** – The provisions of this Act shall not refer to positions which are confidential in nature, policy determining or highly technical in nature.

**SEC. 6.     *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Civil Service Commission (CSC) and the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office shall, within thirty (30) days from the approval of this Act, promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

**SEC. 7.     *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**SEC. 8.     *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, rules, regulations, orders, circulars and memoranda which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 9.     *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

***Approved,***