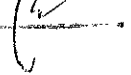


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the present benefits of our Filipino World War Veterans by increasing their monthly pension and at the same time providing them with medical assistance.

There is no dispute that our war veterans showed a higher level of patriotism and love of country by risking their lives to defend our country and thus gained for us a true and lasting independence. However, these Filipino War Veterans are not being given the recognition, financial or otherwise, they rightfully deserve. It is so disheartening to note the fact that our war veterans receive a meager pension. With the continuing escalation of the cost of living most of them could hardly afford a decent and humane standard of living. Now old and sickly, most of them frequent hospitals for medical attention and hospitalization. It is hoped that the benefits to be given shall help improve their quality of life.

This is a Senate counterpart bill to one filed in the House of Representatives by Rep. Raul V. Del Mar.¹


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¹ This bill was originally filed during the 14th Congress 1st Regular Session

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1 AN ACT
2 AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, AS AMENDED
3 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE
4 BENEFITS FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS"

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 3 of the Republic Act No. 6948, as amended, is hereby amended to
6 read as follows:

7 "SEC. 3. Eligibility. - A Veteran as defined in Section 2(a) of this Act who
8 is at least sixty-five (65) years old shall be paid an old-age pension of SIX
9 THOUSAND PESOS (P6,000.00) monthly, unless he is actually receiving a
10 similar pension for the same consideration from other government funds or from
11 the United States Government: Provided, that in the succeeding years FROM
12 THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT, said SIX THOUSAND PESOS (6,000.00)
13 shall be increased annually by not less than ONE THOUSAND PESOS
14 (P1,000.00) per month until total old pension shall be at least TEN THOUSAND
15 PESOS (P 10,000.00) per month."

16 SECTION 2. Section 20 of the Republic Act No.6948 is hereby amended to read as
17 follows:

18 "SEC. 20. Burial AND MEDICAL Assistance. - Unless the person who
19 defrayed the expenses for the funeral of a deceased veteran is entitled to a similar
20 benefit from the United States Government, he/she shall be given Ten Thousand
21 Pesos (P10,000.00) as burial assistance upon application therefore in due form
22 which shall be filed within two (2) years from the death of the concerned.

1 FURTHER, A VETERAN AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2(a) OF THIS ACT IS
2 ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FREE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT
3 OF TWO HUNDRED PESOS (P200.00) A DAY IN ANY ACCREDITED
4 HOSPITALS.”

5 SECTION 3. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of
6 instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions
7 of this act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least
9 two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,