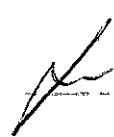


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In moving toward the 21st century, the Armed Forces of the Philippines has begun the long overdue process of modernization. The program of modernization seeks to upgrade facilities, and acquire equipment to ensure that the Armed Forces can live up to its constitutional mandate of preserving our national sovereignty.

However, we cannot lose sight of the fact that a state has an obligation to safeguard our sovereignty by modernizing the military; it also has the primary duty to ensure the prosperity of the nation and provide adequate social services and an improved quality of life for its citizens.

Modernization of our Armed Forces should be accompanied by better and more improved benefits for the people, which comprise it – Military personnel and their dependents. The State therefore has the obligation of ensuring that the welfare of military personnel and their dependents is promoted and improved.

This piece of legislation lays down the necessary framework of institutionalizing benefits for military dependents and emphasizes on increasing benefits of the dependents for Health, Housing Education, and other benefits.

Thus, expeditious passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS TO MILITARY DEPENDENTS,
CREATING THE MILITARY DEPENDENTS WELFARE OFFICE,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** This Act shall be known as the "*Military Dependent's Benefits*
2 *Act of 2010.*"

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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** It shall be the policy of the state to ensure the
5 prosperity and well-being of its citizens through policies and programs that provide
6 adequate social services, promote rising standards of living and an improved quality of life
7 for all.

8 Moreover, the state recognizes the vital role of the military in the protection of our
9 country's sovereignty and should therefore ensure the promotion and improvement of the
10 social and economic status of military personnel and their dependents.

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12 **SEC. 3. Definition of Terms.** For purposes of this Act the following shall mean:

13 (a) "**Military Dependent**" - refers to the wife, children and other persons
14 dependent on the military personnel for chief support, duly registered with the

1 Moral and Welfare Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel
2 **J1** of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

3 (b) **“AFP Military Personnel”** - shall include all active and incapacitated members
4 of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

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6 **SECTION 4. Educational Benefits.** Dependents of military personnel not
7 exceeding four (4) shall be entitled to educational assistance in any of the following
8 educational levels with the indicated amount of support per school year and corresponding
9 durations as follows:

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	Educational level	Amount of Support	Duration
		(Per year)	
14	College	P 6,000.00	4/5 years
15	Vocational	P 4,000.00	2 years
16	Secondary	P3,000.00	4 years
17	Elementary	P2,000.00	6 years

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19 **SECTION 5. Health Benefits.** Dependents of Military personnel shall be entitled
20 to the following health benefits to be provided by AFP Health Facilities located in various
21 parts of the country:

22 (a) Free Hospitalization, inclusive of professional services, medicine, and medical
23 supplies

24 (b) Dispensary or Outpatient Services

25 (c) Ambulance services

26 (d) Free Dental Services

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28 **SECTION 6. Housing Benefits.** All Military Personnel and their dependents shall
29 be provided with the necessary housing subject to the eligibility and priority system set by
30 the Major Service/Unit Housing Boards of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Housing,

1 especially Off-Base housing in preparation for retirement will be provided additional
2 funding.

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4 **SECTION 7. *Commissary Benefits.*** All Military Dependents shall be entitled to
5 the benefit/privilege of purchasing tax-exempt merchandise from any of the AFPCES units
6 either cash or salary check.

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8 **SECTION 8. *Other Benefits and Privileges.*** Military Dependents shall continue to
9 receive all other existing benefits and privileges.

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11 **SECTION 9. *Creation of the Military Dependents Welfare Office.*** There is
12 hereby created a Military Dependents Welfare Office, herein after referred to as the Office,
13 which shall be attached to the Morale and Welfare Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of
14 Staff for Personnel, J-1 Armed Forces of the Philippines, for the coordination and
15 recommendation of policies and programs for military dependents.

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17 **SECTION 10. *Functions of the Office.*** The Office shall have the powers and
18 functions:

- 19 (a) To act as coordinating body for all issues and concerns of military dependents.
20 (b) To formulate and institutionalize the necessary system and mechanism to ensure
21 the effective and responsive delivery of benefits for military dependents.
22 (c) To facilitate and ensure the swift release of benefits to the Military Dependents.
23 (d) To review existing benefits and recommend the necessary improvements to
24 ensure better benefits for Military Dependents.

1 (e) To annually recommend to the Department of National Defense appropriations
2 for military dependent's benefits under the budget of the Armed Forces of the
3 Philippines.
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5 **SECTION 11. *Coordination with Armed Forces of the Philippines Savings and***
6 ***Loans, Associations Incorporated (AFPSLAI) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines***
7 ***Retirement Separation Benefit System (AFPRSBS).*** The Military Dependents' benefits
8 office shall coordinate with the AFPSLAI and AFPRSBS to facilitate and ensure the
9 release of benefits for military dependents.
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11 **SECTION 12. *Appropriations.*** The Department of National Defense shall, every
12 year allocate a portion of their annual budget for the support of this Act.
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14 **SECTION 13. *Rules and Regulations.*** The Department of National Defense shall
15 promulgate the Rules and Regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this
16 Act.
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18 **SECTION 14. *Repealing Clause.*** All Republic Acts, Executive Orders,
19 Presidential Decrees, laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby
20 repealed or modified accordingly.
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22 **SECTION 15. *Separability Clause.*** If, for any reason, any section or part of this
23 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining sections or parts not affected
24 thereby shall remain in full force and effect.
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26 **SECTION 16. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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