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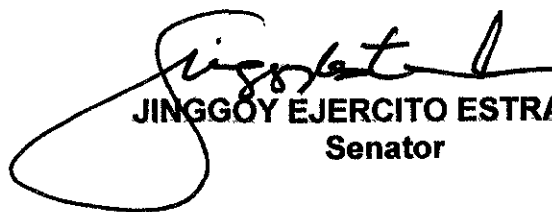
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA) was granted in 1991 to all government employees to assist them tide over the economic difficulty brought about by the Gulf crisis.

In 2009, through Joint Resolution No. 26 of the Congress of the Philippines, PERA was increased to two thousand pesos (P2,000.00) to supplement the take home pay of government employees and at the same time motivate them to be more productive.

With the continued rise of the prices of commodities coupled with the continued decline in the purchasing power of peso, the two thousand pesos (P2,000.00) is definitely not enough to somehow improve the quality of life of our government workers.

This bill, therefore, seeks to increase the Personnel Economic Relief Allowance from P2,000.00 to P4,000.00 for all government employees.

Foregoing considered, passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
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AN ACT
INCREASING THE PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF ALLOWANCE GRANTED TO
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO FOUR THOUSAND PESOS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. Augmentation of the Personnel Economic Relief Allowance. The Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA) is hereby increased from the present Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) per month to Four Thousand Pesos (P4,000.00) per month. The PERA shall henceforth be referred to as the Augmented Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (APERA).

Sec. 2. Coverage. The APERA shall be granted to civilian government personnel whether employed by the national or local governments, appointive or elective, and whether occupying regular, contractual or casual positions, whose positions are covered by Republic Act 6758, otherwise known as the "Compensation and Position Classification Act of 1989," as amended, as well as military and uniformed personnel, *Provided, That* government personnel stationed abroad already receiving overseas allowances shall not be entitled to APERA.

Sec. 3. Appropriations. For the first year of the implementation of this Act, funds necessary for the APERA of national government agencies shall be charged against savings, which for this purpose includes unreleased appropriations and other programmed appropriations. Thereafter, the amount necessary shall be provided in the annual General Appropriations.

For local government units, the APERA shall be charged against their respective local funds. Any deficiency shall be charged against the balances of the Internal Revenue Allotments, which are hereby authorized to be realigned for the purpose. Thereafter, the amount necessary shall be provided in the respective local budgets.

Sec. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Department of Budget and Management shall issue implementing rules and regulations within fifteen (15) days from the effectivity of this Act.

Sec. 5. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, resolutions, orders or ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 6. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,