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EXPLANATORY NOTE

There can be no dispute that Filipino World War Veterans who fought for our country and defended the nation against foreign aggressors deserved to be honored, respected and appreciated.

However, now in the twilight of their years, many of them still receive very small pensions and very little benefits and medical assistance.

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.

It is hoped that by passing this measure, the increase in pension and benefits, small as they may be, can help show our compassion and appreciation for our beloved War Veterans and help ameliorate their plight.

The approval of the proposed bill is, therefore, imperative.

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AN ACT
AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 6948
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE
BENEFITS FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS'

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Amendment of Section 3, R.A. No. 7696.*** - Section 3 of the Republic Act
2 No. 7696 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4 "SEC. 10. Eligibility. - A Veteran as defined in Section 2(a) of this Act
5 who is at least sixty-five (65) years old shall be paid an old-age pension of SIX
6 THOUSAND PESOS (P6,000.00) monthly, unless he is actually receiving a
7 similar pension for the same consideration from other government funds or from
8 the United States Government: Provided, that in the succeeding years FROM
9 THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT, said SIX THOUSAND PESOS (6,000.00)
10 shall be increased annually by not less than ONE THOUSAND PESOS
11 (P1,000.00) per month until total old pension shall be at least TEN THOUSAND
12 PESOS (P10,000.00) per month."

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14 **SEC. 2. *Amendment of Section 7, R.A. No. 7696.*** - Section 7 of the Republic Act No.
15 7696 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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17 "SEC. 20. Burial AND MEDICAL Assistance. - Unless the person who
18 defrayed the expenses for the funeral of a deceased veteran is entitled to a similar

1 benefit from the United States Government, he/she shall be given Ten Thousand
2 Pesos (P10,000.00) as burial assistance upon application therefore in due form
3 which shall be filed within two (2) years from the death of the concerned.

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

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9 **SEC. 3. Rules and Regulations.** - The Department of National Defense shall formulate
10 the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

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12 **SEC. 4. Repealing Clause.** - Sections 3 and 7 of R. A. No. 7696 are hereby considered
13 amended accordingly.

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15 Any other issuances, laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof not
16 consistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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18 **SEC. 5. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication
19 in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,