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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. Despite the clear State policy in favor of veterans and their dependents, there is a marked lack of responsive and continuing programs for the care, benefit, and welfare of veterans.

In the interest of the State and in recognition of the invaluable devotion, patriotism, and sacrifice of veterans, a policy that guarantees assistance to them should be enacted. The undersigned sponsor further recognizes that the Constitutional policy for veteran assistance also contemplates provision for their dependents.

Hence, the proposed measure seeks to extend preference of employment to children of veterans in government offices, including government owned and controlled corporations, to improve their socioeconomic security. By doing so, our government will give life to the constitutional mandate to provide assistance to the beneficiaries of veterans 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 CHILDREN OF
VETERANS IN THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OWNED
AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the ***“Employment***
2 ***Opportunities for Family Members of Veterans Act of 2013”***.

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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – The State recognizes the invaluable
5 contribution of the veterans as noble defenders of the State, without whom the fruits of
6 freedom and security would not be safeguarded. As such, the State shall complement
7 the invaluable devotion, patriotism, and sacrifice of veterans with responsive and
8 continuing programs for their care, benefit, and welfare. Towards this end, it is the policy
9 of the State to provide for the socio-economic security and well-being of veterans and
10 their families.

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12 **SEC. 3. Coverage.** – The provisions of this Act shall apply to the benefit of
13 all veterans, which term shall be understood to mean any person who rendered military
14 service in the land, sea or air forces of the Philippines during the revolution against
15 Spain, the Philippine-American War, World War II, including Filipino citizens who served
16 in Allied Forces in the Philippine territory and foreign nationals who served in Philippine
17 forces, the Korean Campaign, the Vietnam Campaign, the Anti-Dissidence Campaign,
18 or other wars and military campaigns; or who rendered military service in the Armed
19 Forces of the Philippines and has been honorably discharged or separated after at least
20 six (6) years total cumulative active service, or sooner separated due to death or

1 disability arising from a wound or injury received or sickness or disease incurred in line
2 of duty while in the active service, as provided in Republic Act No. 6948, as amended.

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4 **SEC. 4. Preference of Employment.** – All government agencies, including
5 government owned and controlled corporations, shall, all other things being equal, give
6 preference to the employment of an applicant who is a child of a veteran: *Provided*, That
7 the applicant shall not be related within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity to any
8 official or employee of the concerned government agency or government owned and
9 controlled corporation: *Provided, further*, That in the absence of said child or his/her
10 failure to meet the minimum qualifications for the position applied for, a grandchild
11 possessing the minimum qualifications in this Act and those required for the position,
12 shall be extended the preference provided for herein, all other things being equal:
13 *Provided, finally*, That the preference contemplated in this provision shall be extended
14 only in one instance and only to one member of the veteran's family.

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

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

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24 **SEC. 7. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act shall be held
25 invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in
26 full force and effect.

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

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32 **SEC. 9. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
33 publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,