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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

It is the avowed policy of the State to help foster the socioeconomic security and general well-being of the country's veterans in recognition of their patriotic services in times of war and peace for the cause of freedom and democracy.

In view of the foregoing, Republic Act 6948, as amended by Republic Act 7696, otherwise known as "An Act Standardizing and Upgrading the Benefits for Military Veterans and their Dependents" was passed, which provides for benefits to veterans such as the Total Administrative Disability Pension. However, after the passage of the law in 1994, it has not been included in the national budget. Hence, the full amount of the benefits has not been distributed to its beneficiaries.

To date, there are less than 20,000 World War II veterans seeking for the immediate payment of their benefits.

This bill aims to help our senior veterans of wars and military campaigns by providing that the collection of the Bureau of the Treasury from escheated unclaimed deposits shall be regarded as additional source for the payment of the Total Administrative Disability Pension, which is

In view thereof, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

**JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO**

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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE TOTAL  
ADMINISTRATIVE DISABILITY PENSION TO SENIOR VETERANS OF  
WARS AND MILITARY CAMPAIGNS**

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

**SECTION 1.** All collections of the Bureau of the Treasury from escheated unclaimed deposits shall be earmarked as a special account in the general fund as one of the sources for the payment of the Total Administrative Disability Pension for senior veterans of wars and military campaigns, subject to the submission of a special budget, pursuant to Section 35, Chapter 5, Book VI of Executive Order No. 292, S. 1987.

**SECTION 2.** The amount necessary for the continued payment of the arrearages for the Total Administrative Disability Pension shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act until such arrearages are fully paid.

**SECTION 3.** All existing laws or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

*Approved,*