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SENATE S. No. <u>. 3027</u>

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AN ACT

TO INCREASE THE OLD-AGE PENSION OF MILITARY VETERANS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948

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

SECTION. 1. Section 10 of Republic Act 6948 as amended by 2 Republic Act 7696 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

> "Sec. 10. Eligibility. - A veteran as defined in Section 2(a) of this Act who is at least sixty-five (65) years old shall be paid an old-age pension of EIGHT [One] thousand pesos (P[1] 8,000.00) monthly for life, unless he is actually receiving a similar pension for the same consideration from other-government funds or from the United States Government. [: Provided, That in the succeeding years starting January, 1995, said One thousand pesos (P1,000.00) monthly old-age pension shall be increased annually by not less than Five hundred pesos (500) per month until total oldage pension shall be at least Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) per month."]

SEC. 2. Appropriations. - In order to augment the amount needed to fill in the increase in the old-age pension as mandated in this Act, the amount necessary for the purpose shall be taken from the savings in the budget of the Department of National Defense, in addition to the annual funding allotted for this purpose. Such amount as may be necessary to fund the increase in the old-age pension shall thereafter be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. - All laws, Presidential Decrees, Issuances, Executive Orders, Letters of instruction, rules or regulations inconsistent with the provision of this Act Is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the country.

Approved,