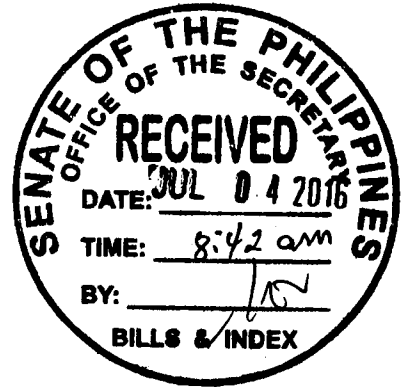


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Explanatory Note

War veterans have long been the defenders of our freedom and have played a great role in our nation's development and history. It is only right that the State ensure their socioeconomic security and assist in alleviating their welfare in recognition of their service to the country.

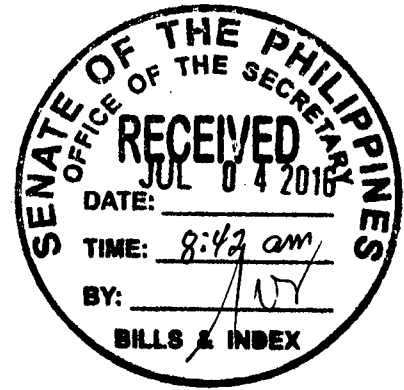
The Philippine government must ensure that the benefits that our war veterans receive are sufficient for their basic needs including medical care that most of them now require due to their advanced age. At present, there are less than 20,000 living war veterans in the country.

This measure aims to express the government's gratitude to war veterans by increasing their monthly pension by three thousand pesos (Php 3,000.00).

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 **Sec. 1. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared to be the policy of the
2 State to alleviate the living conditions of the country’s war veterans through
3 policies that provide for a decent and humane standard of living.
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5 **Sec. 2. Increase in Monthly Pension.** – The monthly pension of all Filipino
6 War Veterans shall be increased across the board by three thousand pesos
7 (Php 3,000.00).
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9 **Sec. 3. Rules of Succession of Beneficiaries.** – The monthly pension shall be
10 granted directly to the war veteran as long as he/she is still alive. Upon death
11 of the war veteran, the surviving spouse shall continue to receive the pension.
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13 **Sec. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The Department of National
14 Defense (DND) in consultation with the Department of Budget and
15 Management shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the
16 implementation of this Act.
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18 **Sec. 5. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the implementation of
19 this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the DND under the current
20 General Appropriations Act.
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22 **Sec. 6. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act shall be held
23 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall
24 remain in full force and effect.
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26 **Sec. 7. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, executive orders or issuances, or any
27 parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended
28 accordingly.
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30 **Sec. 8. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
31 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
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33 Approved,