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AN ACT

EXPANDING SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS GRANTED TO BENEFICIARIES OF UNIFORMED PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP), BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG), NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI), AND PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (PDEA) KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY OR BY REASON OF HIS OFFICE OR POSITION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6963, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Explanatory Note

Since 1990, Republic Act No. 6963 has long entitled the families of soldiers, police and firemen to special financial assistance if ever their loved one is killed or permanently incapacitated while on the line of duty. Such financial assistance only befits the selfless service to the nation offered by these uniformed personnel.

Soldiers, police and firemen, however, are not the only government frontliners who risk life and limb to safeguard the safety and peace of all Filipinos. To this list, we must include those from the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA). Their families deserve the same special financial assistance should they meet their untimely demise while on the job, considering they are often their family's breadwinners.

Hence, we are filing the foregoing measure, repealing Republic Act No. 6963 and proposing in its stead legislation that expands its original scope. This measure also creates a Dependents Welfare Office in each of the agencies covered to administer the financial assistance hereon mandated.


Present circumstances, including ongoing maritime disputes and the escalated drive against criminality and drug abuse, only make the passage of this measure all the more imperative. Hence, we call on our colleagues in the august chamber of the Senate to act on this with alacrity.



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

1 SECTION 1. **Title.** – This act shall be known as the “*Uniformed Personnel*  
2 *Special Financial Assistance Act.*”

3 SEC. 2. **Scope.** – The family or beneficiary of any Uniformed Personnel of the  
4 Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Bureau of  
5 Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Philippine  
6 Coast Guard (PCG), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), and Philippine Drug  
7 Enforcement Agency (PDEA) assisting in a duly authorized operation, who is killed  
8 or becomes permanently incapacitated while in the performance of his duty or by  
9 reason of his office or position, provided he has not committed any crime or human

1 rights violations by final judgment on such occasion, shall be entitled to the special  
2 financial assistance provided for in this Act in addition to whatever compensation,  
3 donation, insurance, gift, pension, grant, or any form of benefit which said deceased  
4 or permanently incapacitated person or his family may receive or be entitled to.

5 For purposes of this Act, Uniformed Personnel shall be construed as  
6 personnel of the PNP, AFP, BFP, BJMP, PCG, NBI, and PDEA who are directly,  
7 regardless of which capacity, assigned to or involved in operations with real and  
8 immediate threat to life or in routine duty with unexpected or imminent danger.

9 SEC. 3. **Beneficiaries.** – The term “family” as used in this Act shall refer to  
10 the surviving legal spouse and his legitimate children or parents, or brothers and  
11 sisters, or aunts and uncles, in that respective order: *Provided:* That, if the uniformed  
12 personnel is a Muslim, the pertinent provisions of the Code of Muslim Personal Laws  
13 (*Shari’a*) shall apply.

14 SEC. 4. **Special Financial Assistance.** – The special financial assistance  
15 referred to in Section One hereof shall be that which is equivalent to the average six  
16 (6) months salary, including allowances and bonuses, during the last twelve (12)  
17 months preceding the death of the officer which shall not be considered a part of the  
18 estate of the deceased and which shall be exempt from attachment, garnishment or  
19 execution and from income and other taxes.

20 SEC. 5. **Provision of Special Financial Assistance.** – It shall be the duty of  
21 the cashier or concerned service chief from whom the deceased or permanently  
22 incapacitated uniformed personnel used to receive his/her salary, within three (3)  
23 days from receipt of a written certification from the concerned office or bureau head,  
24 station or unit commander of the fact of death and the circumstances thereof, to  
25 deliver to the beneficiaries such special financial assistance as stated in Section  
26 Three hereof. In case of permanent disability, a certification by the proper medical  
27 officer designated by the Chief of the PNP, or the Chief of AFP, or the Director of the  
28 BJMP, or the Commandant of the PCG, or the Director General of the NBI, or the  
29 Director General of the PDEA, as the case may be, is necessary for the payment of  
30 the aforesaid financial assistance. After said payment, a report with the formal  
31 certificate of death or permanent incapacity shall be submitted to the Secretary of

1 National Defense, or the Secretary of Interior and Local Government, or the  
2 Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary of Justice, or the PDEA Director  
3 General, as the case may be.

4       SEC. 6. **Filling of Positions.** – In order to assure the payment of the special  
5 financial assistance referred to in this Act, without any need of any appropriation act  
6 or ordinance, the payment shall come from the expected salary, allowances and  
7 bonus of the deceased or permanently incapacitated uniformed personnel for the  
8 next six (6) months after his/her death or incapacity: *Provided*, That the position left  
9 vacant by the deceased or permanently incapacitated uniformed personnel on  
10 account of death or incapacity shall not be filled during that period of six (6)  
11 months: *Provided, further*, That if the public welfare and interest so demand, as  
12 determined by the municipal or city mayor or provincial governor, in case of a police  
13 personnel or fireman, or by the Secretary of National Defense, in case of a military  
14 personnel, or by the Secretary of Interior and Local Government, in case of a BJMP  
15 personnel, or by the Secretary of Transportation, in case of a PCG personnel, or by  
16 the Secretary of Justice, in case of an NBI personnel, or by the Director General of  
17 PDEA, in case of a PDEA personnel, the position left vacant by the deceased  
18 personnel, or permanently incapacitated personnel may be filled without waiting for  
19 the expiration of the six (6) months period earlier mentioned, in which case, the  
20 funds out of which the special financial assistance already received by the family of  
21 the deceased or permanently incapacitated personnel shall be replenished out of the  
22 emergency savings of the municipality, city or province, or the department, upon the  
23 direction in writing by the municipal or city mayor or governor of the province, or  
24 department secretary, to their respective treasurers or cashiers: *Provided, finally*,  
25 That, in the event of such emergency, no emergency savings as provided herein  
26 exist, the regional chief or the provincial chief, as the case may be, may draw  
27 augmentation personnel from any municipality in the province or region to fill up the  
28 vacancy until such time that the municipality where the vacancy occurred can fill up  
29 such vacancy with regular personnel.

30       SEC. 7. **Hospitalization Expenses.** – If any uniformed personnel is injured or  
31 wounded or in any manner suffers any injury in the performance of his official duties,  
32 the hospitalization expenses, including necessary medicines and medical equipment,

1 of such uniformed personnel shall be shouldered by the office where he/she belongs,  
2 chargeable against the salary savings of such office without the need of any  
3 appropriation act or ordinance.

4       SEC. 8. **Priority in Civil Service.** – The surviving spouse of the deceased or  
5 permanently incapacitated uniformed personnel shall be given priority in employment  
6 in a government or agency or office where his/her qualifications are fitted: *Provided,*  
7 That, if the spouse is already employed or not employable or if he/she waives such  
8 employment privilege, then an employable dependent shall be granted the said  
9 privilege.

10       SEC. 9. **Scholarship Assistance.** – All surviving children of the deceased or  
11 permanently incapacitated uniformed personnel shall be extended scholarship up to  
12 college in a nonexclusive institution, subject to the policies on the tuition of said  
13 institution. The scholarship privilege shall be limited to the payment of tuition and  
14 miscellaneous fees payable to the school and shall be remitted by the National  
15 Police Commission or the Department of National Defense or the Department of  
16 Interior and Local Government or the Department of Justice or the Philippine Drug  
17 Enforcement Agency, as the case may be, upon presentation to it of the approved  
18 enrollment or registration form.

19       SEC. 10. **Funding of Scholarship Assistance.** – The amounts necessary to  
20 fund the scholarship assistance for the surviving children of the deceased or  
21 permanently incapacitated uniformed personnel shall be separately utilized and  
22 sourced as follows:

- 23       a. For PNP, license fees collected by the PNP Firearms and Explosives Office;
- 24       b. For AFP, prevailing funds exclusively allocated for scholarship including  
25       applicable grants and donations and other service income;
- 26       c. For BFP, subsidy income from the National Government;
- 27       d. For PCG, collection from permits and licenses fees, fines and penalties,  
28       service income, and other general income; and,
- 29       e. For NBI, income from government services, particularly NBI Clearance Fees,  
30       including miscellaneous income.

1 For PDEA and BJMP, amounts necessary for the scholarship assistance shall  
2 be augmented to their respective budgets under the annual General Appropriations  
3 Act.

4 The same agencies may determine or generate additional sources of funds  
5 for the continuity of their scholarship assistance.

6 SEC. 11. **Creation of Dependents Welfare Office.** – There shall be a  
7 Dependents Welfare Office created in each agency covered by this Act. To prevent  
8 redundancy and to expedite the delivery of benefits, the establishment of such office  
9 may be done by appointing an existing bureau or division to concurrently perform  
10 functions to implement the provisions of this Act.

11 SEC. 12. **Penalties.** –The delay, refusal, or prevention in any manner, without  
12 justifiable reason, by any government official or employee, after due process, shall  
13 tantamount to gross neglect of duty that shall be sufficient grounds for the dismissal  
14 from civil service, in addition to any criminal and administrative penalties imposable  
15 under existing laws.

16 SEC. 13. **Non-diminution of Benefits.** – The Special Financial Assistance  
17 and other benefits provided under this Act shall be without prejudice to other similar  
18 benefits that may be received by uniformed personnel.

19 SEC. 14. **Separability Clause.** – In the event that any provision, clause, or  
20 part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall  
21 not be affected by such declaration.

22 SEC. 15. **Repealing Clause.** – Republic Act 6963 is hereby repealed,  
23 including all laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent  
24 with this Act are hereby repealed or modified.

25 SEC. 16. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
26 publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) national papers of general circulation.

27 *Approved,*