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PROVIDING FOR A THREE THOUSAND PESO (P3,000.00) INCREASE IN
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution recognizes the vital role that War Veterans played in our country's history and freedom. Our nation will forever be grateful for the sacrifices they have made for the Filipino people. This act institutionalizes the gratitude of a nation who will never forget those who came before them.

The Constitution, Article XVI, Section 7 also states:

"The State shall provide immediate and adequate care, benefits and other forms of assistance to war veterans and veterans of military campaigns, their surviving spouses and orphans."

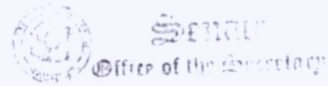
This bill aims to further this policy by increasing the monthly pension due our war veterans by three thousand pesos (P3,000.00). This will be of great help to our veterans and their dependents during these trying economic times where the cost of basic necessities is at an all-time high.

Further, more than the monetary value of this proposed measure, we are showing our veterans that to this day, we have not forgotten their loyalty and bravery.

In this regard, the passage of this bill into law is earnestly sought.

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

1 Section. 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as “The P3,000.00 Increase in the
2 Monthly Pension for War Veterans Act of 2019”.

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State
4 to alleviate the living conditions of the ordinary Filipino through policies that provide for
5 a decent and humane standard of living and improved quality of life, particularly of the
6 workers, both private and public; to free the people from poverty through policies that
7 provide a rising standard of living and an improved quality of life for all; and to promote
8 social justice through the adoption of measures calculated to ensure the well-being and
9 economic security of all the members of the community.

10 Sec. 3. *Increase in Monthly Pension.* – The monthly pension of all Filipino War
11 Veterans shall be increased by Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) across the board.

12 Sec. 4. *Rules and Succession of Beneficiaries.* – The monthly pension shall be
13 granted directly to the war veteran, if he is still living. Upon the death or incapacity of
14 the war veteran, his pension shall be released in favor of his surviving spouse and in
15 the latter’s death or incapacity, to the oldest legitimate child of the war veteran.

1 Sec. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of National
2 Defense (DND) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation
3 of this Act.

4 Sec. 6. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this
5 Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of National Defense under
6 the current General Appropriations Act.

7 Sec. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
8 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall
9 remain in force and effect.

10 Sec. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
11 order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
12 is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

13 Sec. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its
14 complete publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

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16 Approved,