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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Veterans and retired government employees have made a career, offering their best years and at times putting their lives and limbs at risk, in serving the country and their fellowmen.

The veterans are the brave men and women who have rendered military service during various conflicts. Surviving veterans served during the Second World War, the Korean campaign, the Vietnam Campaign, or who rendered military service in the Armed Forces of the Philippines during times of peace. They have risked their lives for the protection of the State and in defense of liberty and democracy.

Government employees on the other hand are the faceless men and women who make government work and who have decided on a career in public service, notwithstanding the more lucrative opportunities in the private sector. They are the teachers, postal workers, public health officers, social workers, airport and port employees, telecommunications employees, land registrars, assessors, treasurers, collectors, revenue officers and thousand of others who are the flesh of the bureaucracy and the workhorses and front liners of government service. They are both commended and maligned, praised and cursed depending on times and circumstances, but what remains constant over generations is that they are ill-paid, with practically no savings and very little benefits on retirement.

Many of these veterans and retired employees live the rest of their lives in extreme poverty, with only a few scratched plaques and faded certificates to show after a lifetime of public service. And in their ebbing years, when they are most vulnerable because of frailties of advancing age, they face mounting medical expenses at a time when their savings have dried up and no additional means of livelihood is possible.

It is therefore the responsibility of the State to provide medical services to these veterans and retired government employees, not only as a gesture of gratitude for their past services, but also to reassure incumbent soldiers and employees that the Government will take care of them, and thus boost their morale and make them more productive.

This bill therefore seeks to mandate that all government owned and operated hospitals shall provide free medical services to all Filipino veterans and retired government personnel.

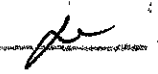
Immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT PROVIDING FREE MEDICAL SERVICES TO FILIPINO VETERANS AND
RETIRED GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND
OPERATED HOSPITALS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. All Filipino veterans and retired government personnel shall be given free medical services in government -owned and -operated hospitals.

SEC. 2. The Department of Health shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and all other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. If any part or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts and provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,