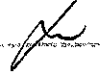


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

When the fourteen (14) marines who were the subject and honoree of **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5** perished in the line of duty last 10 July 2007, their families received well-deserved financial assistance from various sources. Although the same could never soothe the pain of losing a loved one, the same can certainly help in the difficult and uncertain times the families were bound to face after burying their beloved son, father or husband.

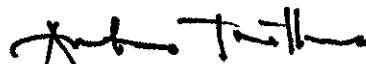
The undersigned notes with sadness that when two (2) more marines perished in another ambush barely a week or so later, the nation barely noticed their sacrifice and worse, no financial assistance was extended to their families if not for the timely intervention of well meaning individuals who brought their plight to the attention of donors.

This Bill seeks to address the problem of the inequality and the discrepancy in the treatment, particularly in the benefits and/or financial assistance received by the families, of members of the armed forces who perish or who are injured or wounded in the line of duty.

The members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) are frequently called upon to put their lives and limbs in harm's way to protect our people, our freedom and our democratic institutions.

It is only fair that we look after and provide for the families of those who would lose their lives or would be injured in defense of our nation and our people. This is particularly important now that the conflict in Basilan and Sulu has assumed the proportion of a full scale war, with mounting casualties on both sides.

The immediate passage of this Bill is, therefore, respectfully sought.

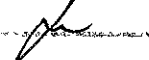


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**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE AND
BENEFITS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
PHILIPPINES WHO ARE KILLED, WOUNDED OR INJURED IN
THE LINE OF DUTY, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF
THE PREMIUMS AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES**

*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 "AFP
2 *Insurance Coverage Act of 2007*".
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5 **SEC. 2. Additional Insurance Coverage and Benefits.** - In
6 addition to any existing insurance coverage and benefits given to
7 members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the State shall
8 obtain from the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS)
9 additional insurance coverage for all members of the AFP providing the
10 following additional benefits:
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12 (a) Death benefits of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pesos
13 (P250,000.00) for all members of the AFP who shall perish
14 while in the line of duty;
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16 (b) Disability benefits of up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand
17 Pesos (P250,000.00) for all members of the AFP who shall
18 suffer total or partial disability, whether permanent or
19 temporary, arising from any injury sustained in the line of
20 duty;
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22 (c) Reimbursement of actual medical expenses up to but not
23 to exceed One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) for
24 all AFP members who shall be hospitalized or who shall
25 require medical attendance for injuries sustained while in
26 the line of duty.
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1 **SEC. 3. Disqualification from benefits.** - No benefits shall
2 be given to any member of the AFP or his beneficiaries if and when the
3 death, injury or sickness is occasioned or caused by any of the
4 following:

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6 (a) Willful intention to injure or kill oneself;
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8 (b) Notorious negligence;
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10 (c). Commission of a crime (by the AFP member);
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12 (d) Unauthorized absence or abandonment of office for at least
13 one (1) year prior to the incident causing the death, injury
14 or sickness.
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17 **SEC. 4. Actuarial Study.** - The GSIS shall, within sixty (60)
18 days from the effectivity of this Act, conduct an actuarial study to
19 determine the premiums to be paid corresponding to the benefits and
20 coverage provided under this Act as specified under Section 2 hereof.
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23 **SEC. 5. Appropriation.** - The National Government shall
24 appropriate annually and include in the General Appropriations Act the
25 amount corresponding to the total annual insurance premium/s
26 necessary to provide for the additional coverage and benefits under
27 Section 2 based on the actuarial study under Section 4 hereof.
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30 **SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The GSIS,
31 in coordination with the Department of Defense (DND) and the Armed
32 Forces of the Philippines (AFP), shall promulgate and issue the rules
33 and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act with
34 Ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.
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37 **SEC. 7. Separability Clause.** - If for any reason any provision
38 or section of this Act is declared unconstitutional, such part or portions
39 not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.
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42 **SEC 8. Repealing Clause.** - Any other issuances, laws,
43 decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof not consistent
44 with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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47 **SEC 9. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
48 following its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of
49 general circulation.

Approved,