

FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC)
OF THE PHILIPPINES)
First Regular Session)

SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 7

Submitted jointly by the Committees on National Defense and Security and on Finance on OCT 01 2007.

Re: Senate Bill No. **1659**

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 142.

Sponsors: Senators Biazon, Enrile and Gordon

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on National Defense and Security and on Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 142, introduced by Senator Gordon, entitled:

**“AN ACT
ALLOWING FILIPINO WORLD WAR II VETERANS
TO CONTINUE RECEIVING PHILIPPINE
GOVERNMENT PENSIONS AND BENEFITS EVEN
WHEN SIMILAR PENSIONS AND BENEFITS ARE
PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT, AMENDING SECTION 10 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, AS AMENDED, FOR
THIS PURPOSE”**

have considered the same and have the honor to report this bill back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, S. No. ____, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

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be approved in substitution of S. No. 142 with Senators Gordon, Biazon and Enrile as authors.

Respectfully submitted.

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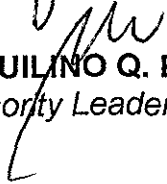
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S. NO. **1659**

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Senators Gordon, Biazon and Enrile as authors thereof

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AMENDING SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 6948, AS AMENDED, FOR THIS PURPOSE

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

1 SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Filipino World War II
2 Veterans Pensions and Benefits Act of 2007."

3 Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.- It is the policy of the State to recognize and reward the
4 *courage and heroism of Filipino World War II Veterans* by granting them pensions and
5 benefits even when similar pensions and benefits are already provided by the United States
6 Government.

7 Sec. 3. Amendment of Section 10 of Republic Act No. 6948, as Amended. -
8 Section 10 of Republic Act. No. 6948, entitled "An Act Standardizing and Upgrading the
9 Benefits for Military Veterans and Their Dependents," as amended, is hereby further
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "Sec. 10. Eligibility.- A veteran as defined in Section 2(A) of this act
12 who is at least sixty-five (65) years old shall be paid an old-age pension of
13 [One thousand pesos (P1,000.00)] **FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00)**
14 *monthly for life, unless he is actually receiving a similar pension for the same*
15 *consideration from other government funds [or from the United States*
16 *Government]. [Provided, that in the succeeding years starting January, 1995,*
17 *said One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) monthly old-age pension shall be*

1 increased annually by not less than Five hundred pesos (P500.00) per month
2 until total old-age pension shall be at least Five Thousand pesos (P5,000.00)
3 per month.”]

4 Sec. 4. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or
5 other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
6 repealed or modified accordingly.

7 Sec. 5. Appropriation.– The funding to carry out this Act shall be included in the
8 annual General Appropriations Act.

9 Sec. 6. Separability Clause. – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
10 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall
11 remain in force and effect.

12 Sec. 7. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the
13 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation
14 in the Philippines.

 Approved,