Republic of the Philippines Congress of the Philippines Metro Manila

Sixteenth Congress

Second Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of July, two thousand fourteen.

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10649]

AN ACT INCREASING THE BURIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS FROM TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00) TO TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE BENEFITS FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS" AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Section 20 of Republic Act No. 6948, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 20. Burial Assistance. — Unless the person who defrayed the expenses for the funeral of a deceased veteran is entitled to a similar benefit from

the United States Government, he or she shall be given Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00) as burial assistance upon application therefor in due form which shall be filed within two (2) years from the death of the veteran concerned."

SEC. 2. Appropriations. — The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations for burial expenses of the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO). Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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Approved

President of the Senate

FELICIANO BELMONTE JR

Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on May 19, 2014 and September 15, 2014, respectively.

OSCAR & YABES Secretary of the Senate

MARILYN B. BARUX-YAP Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved: NOV 2 7-2014

BENIGNO S. AQUINO III

President of the Philippines

