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EXPLANATORY NOTE

There can be no dispute that Filipino World War Veterans who fought for our country and defended the nation against foreign aggressors deserved to be honored, respected and appreciated.

However, now in the twilight of their years, many of them still receive very small pensions and very little benefits and medical assistance.

This bill seeks to increase the present benefits of our Filipino World War Veterans by increasing their monthly pension and at the same time providing them with medical assistance.

It is hoped that by passing this measure, the increase in pension and benefits, small as they may be, can help show our compassion and appreciation for our beloved War Veterans and help ameliorate their plight.

The approval of the proposed bill is, therefore, imperative.


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AN ACT
TO INCREASE THE OLD-AGE PENSION OF MILITARY VETERANS AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948

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

1 **SECTION 1. Amendment of Section 3, R.A. No. 7696.** - Section 3 of the Republic Act
2 No. 7696 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4 "Sec. 10. Eligibility. - A veteran as defined in Section 2(a) of this Act
5 who is at least sixty-five (65) years old shall be paid an old-age pension of
6 **EIGHT [One]** thousand pesos (P[1] **8,000.00**) monthly for life, unless he is
7 actually receiving a similar pension for the same consideration from other-
8 government funds or from the United States Government. [: Provided, That In
9 the succeeding years starting January, 1995, said One thousand pesos
10 (P1,000.00) monthly old-age pension shall be increased annually by not less than
11 Five hundred pesos (500) per month until total old-age pension shall be at least
12 Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) per month."]"

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14 **SEC. 2. Appropriations.** - In order to augment the amount needed to fill in the increase in
15 the old-age pension as mandated in this Act, the amount necessary for the purpose shall be taken
16 from the savings in the budget of the Department of National Defense, in addition to the annual
17 funding allotted for this purpose. Such amount as may be necessary to fund the increase in the
18 old-age pension shall thereafter be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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20 **SEC. 3. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, Presidential Decrees, Issuances, Executive
21 Orders, Letters of Instruction, rules or regulations inconsistent with the provision of this Act Is
22 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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1 **SEC. 4. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of
2 its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in
3 the country.

Approved,