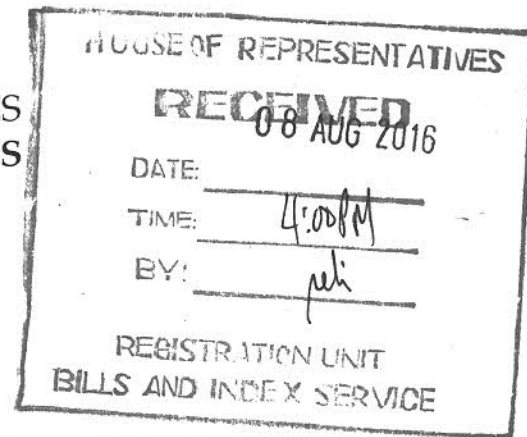


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our national anthem's closing stanza sings "Ang mamatay ng dahil sayo". Our love for country is well expressed by the sacrifices our men and women in the armed forces have made in the times of war.

Our surviving World War Veterans are part of those who answered the call of duty and they deserve the best that their country can give them in terms of financial and medical assistance, especially now that they are in their tender years.

In an attempt to honor their sacrifice and in appreciation of their service, this bill seeks to increase the benefits of Filipino World War Veterans by increasing their pension and providing them with better medical assistance.

By increasing their pension and providing them better access to medical care, we can somehow show them that we appreciate their service and sacrifice during the country and the world's time of need.

In lieu of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


LUIS JOSE ANGEL N. CAMPOS, JR.

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AN ACT
AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 6948
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND
UPGRADING THE BENEFITS FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND
THEIR DEPENDENTS'.

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
2 the Republic Act 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)
5 of this Act who is at least sixty-five (65) years old shall be paid
6 an old-age pension of SIX THOUSAND PESOS (P6,000.00)
7 monthly, unless he is actually receiving a similar pension for the
8 same consideration from other government funds or from the
9 United States Government: Provided, that in the succeeding
10 years FROM THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT, said SIX
11 THOUSAND PESOS (6,000.00) shall be increased annually by
12 not less than ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00) per month
13 until total old pension shall be at least TEN THOUSAND PESOS
14 (P10,000.00) per month."

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16 **SEC. 2. Amendment of Section 7, R.A. No. 7696.** - Section 7 of the
17 Republic Act No. 7696 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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19 "SEC. 20. Burial AND MEDICAL Assistance. - Unless the
20 person who defrayed the expenses for the funeral of a deceased
21 veteran is entitled to a similar benefit from the United States
22 Government, he/she shall be given Twenty Thousand Pesos
23 (P20,000.00) as burial assistance upon application therefore in
24 due form which shall be filed within two (2) years from the
25 death of the concerned.

1 FURTHER, A VETERAN AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2 (a) OF THIS
2 ACT IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FREE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
3 IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED PESOS (P200.00) A DAY
4 IN ANY ACCREDITED HOSPITALS."

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6 **SEC. 3. Rules and Regulations.** - The Department of National Defense
7 shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the
8 provisions of this Act.

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10 **SEC. 4. Repealing Clause.** - Sections 3 and 7 of R. A. No. 7696 are hereby
11 considered amended accordingly. Any other issuances, laws, decrees, orders,
12 rules and regulations, or parts thereof not consistent with this Act are hereby
13 repealed or modified accordingly.

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15 **SEC. 5. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
16 following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general
17 circulation.

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19 Approved,