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HOUSE BILL NO. 1671



Introduced by **HON. LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

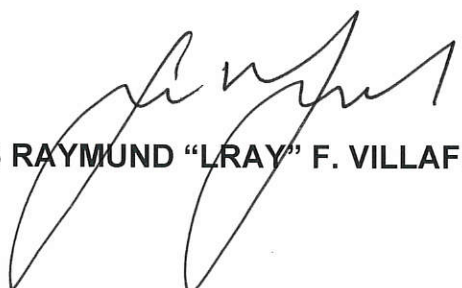
This bill seeks to provide an additional increase of Php 3,000 to the current monthly pension of war veterans across the board.

Last December 20, 2018, President Duterte signed Republic Act No. 11164 which raised the monthly pension of war veterans. However, the catch was that only eligible living senior veterans can avail of this increase and could not be transferred to family members or dependents.

To address this concern, this bill proposes a provision on the rules of succession for beneficiaries of the pension. Upon death of the war veteran, the spouse or the eldest legitimate child, upon death of the former, shall be allowed to receive the pension.

This bill hopes to benefit around 7,000 living Filipino war veterans in and out of the country. It hopes express the country's gratitude to those who sacrificed their life for this nation.

The approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A THREE THOUSAND PESO INCREASE ACROSS THE
BOARD IN THE MONTHLY PENSION OF WAR VETERANS AND THEIR
DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to alleviate the living conditions of the ordinary Filipino through policies that provide for a decent and humane standard of living and improved quality of life.

SECTION 2. *Increase in Monthly Pension.* – The monthly pension of all Filipino War Veterans shall be increased by Three Thousand Pesos (Php 3,000.00) across the board.

SECTION 3. *Rules of Succession of Beneficiaries.* – The monthly pension shall be granted directly to the war veteran, if he is still living. Upon the death or incapacity of the war veteran, his pension shall be released in favor of his surviving spouse and in the latter's death or incapacity, to the eldest legitimate child of the war veteran.

SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Department of National Defense (DND) and the

Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of National Defense (DND) under the current General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – Should any provision herein be declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or other issuances or parts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect in fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,