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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6532



Introduced by **Hon. WILTER "SHARKY" WEE PALMA II**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As the saying goes, "not all heroes wear capes", in fact some of these heroes are the uniformed men and women whom have dedicated their entire lives serving and protecting the Filipino People. The same set of men and women who have fought tooth and nail in order to preserve the lives of our generation and the generations to come. These men and women are our **Medal of Valor Awardees**. **The Medal of Valor** is the highest combat award the military gives to honor the soldiers who have exhibited acts of bravery or self-sacrifice to heed the call of duty.

As it stands, Republic Act No. 9049 also known as "An Act Granting Monthly Gratuity and Privileges To An Awardee Of The Medal Of Valor, Providing Funds Therefor, And For Other Purposes" has served as the primary legislation that aims to honor the heroics of our Medal of Valor awardees who were willing to go above and beyond in the name of service.

In fact, RA No. 9049 which was signed on March 22, 2001 have provided for a lifetime monthly gratuity of **Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00)**, this was then increased by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to **Seventy-Five Thousand Pesos (P75,000.00)** by virtue of the Memorandum of the Executive Secretary, Office of the President dated December 22, 2016 and the Department of National Defense Department Circular No. 2 dated January 31, 2017. However, due to the changes within our economy coupled with the various medical expenses that our Medal of

Valor awardees have to brook, it is only just that we introduce the necessary changes that would be of help to our heroes.

Moreover, by increasing the lifetime monthly gratuity of the Medal of Valor awardees, it would then inspire our soldiers to do their utmost in performing their constitutional service thus ensuring a peaceful future for the generations to come.

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



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**AN ACT INCREASING THE LIFETIME MONTHLY GRATUITY OF MEDAL OF VALOR
AWARDEES. AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9049,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT GRANTING MONTHLY GRATUITY AND
PRIVILEGES TO AN AWARDEE OF THE MEDAL OF VALOR, PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9049 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 Section 2. A Medal of Valor awardee will henceforth be entitled to a lifetime
4 monthly gratuity of [Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00)] **ONE HUNDRED AND**
5 **FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P150,000.00)**. This gratuity is separate and distinct from
6 any salary or pension which the awardee is currently receiving or will receive from
7 the government of the Philippines. *Provided*, That in the event of death of the
8 awardee, the same shall accrue in equal shares and with the right of accretion to
9 the surviving spouse until she remarries and to the children, legitimate, or adopted
10 or illegitimate, until they reach the age of eighteen (18) or until they marry,
11 whichever comes earlier: *Provided, further*, That such gratuity shall not be included

12 in the computation, of gross income and shall be exempt from taxation under Title
13 III, Chapter VI of Republic Act No. 8424, otherwise known as then "Tax Reform Act
14 of 1997".

15 The provisions of this Act shall apply to the Medal of Valor awardees under
16 Presidential Decree No. 1687 who have since been integrated to the Philippine
17 National Police (PNP); *Provided*, That the appropriations therefor shall come from
18 the Philippine National Police.

19 The President of the Philippines is hereby authorized, upon the joint
20 recommendation of the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the
21 Secretaries of the Department of National Defense and the Department of Budget
22 and Management, to adjust at a reasonable time and rates the lifetime monthly
23 gratuity of the awardees: *Provided*, That in computing for the rate of adjustment of
24 the lifetime monthly gratuity, they shall take into consideration applicable
25 economic and social factors or indicia such as the inflation rate: *Provided, further*,
26 That no increase under this section shall be authorized within three (3) years
27 following the effectivity of this Act and no oftener than once every five (5) years
28 thereafter.

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30 **SEC. 2. Repealing Clause.** – All other laws, rules and regulations, decrees,
31 issuances, or any parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are likewise
32 hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

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34 **SEC. 3. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid
35 or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue in full
36 force and effect.

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38 **SEC. 4. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days after its
39 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) national
40 newspapers of general circulation.

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42 Approved,