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House Bill No. 700

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**


This bill seeks to increase and rationalize the grant of Disability Pension to veterans and their beneficiaries as mandated by Republic Act 6948, as amended.

It is to be noted that since 1994, when RA 7696 was passed amending RA 6948, the amount of Disability Pension which ranges from P1,000 to P1,700 depending on the rate of disability has not been increased despite serious economic downturns that effectively made the amount negligible and unrealistic in terms of cost of medicines, hospitalization, and even with the very basic needs of our disabled and aging veterans.

As provided in Section 7, Article XVI of the Philippine Constitution, the State is mandated to provide immediate and adequate care, benefits and other forms of assistance to war veterans and veterans of military campaigns and their surviving spouses and beneficiaries. The provision on the disability pension is in pursuance of the said constitutional mandate, a testament that our State values and recognizes the sacrifices of our nation's defenders – our veterans.

Thus, it is the intent of the bill to support the veterans by providing them with disability pension in view of their loss of capacity to be gainfully employed owing to the sickness or injuries they have sustained in line of duty and also for valiantly and selflessly defending the freedom of our country. However, looking at the current state of the disability pension, it cannot be denied that the amount mandated by RA 7696 in 1994 has already lost its value to support even the very basic needs of the disabled and aging veterans and their beneficiaries.

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

  
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**AN ACT**  
**RATIONALIZING THE DISABILITY PENSION OF VETERANS, AMENDING FOR**  
**THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, ENTITLED "AN ACT**  
**STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE BENEFITS FOR MILITARY**  
**VETERANS AND THEIR BENEFICIARIES", AS AMENDED**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 5 of the same Act, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 5. Pension Rates. – A veteran who is disabled owing to sickness, disease, wounds or injuries sustained in line of duty shall be given a monthly disability pension in accordance with the rates prescribed hereunder [unless he is actually receiving a similar pension for the same disability from other government funds or from the United States Government];

"(a) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from ten to thirty per centum (10% - 30%) the monthly pension shall be [One thousand pesos (P1,000.00)] **FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P4,500.00);**

"(b) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from thirty-one to forty per centum (31% - 40%), the monthly pension shall be [One thousand one hundred pesos (P1,100.00)] **FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED PESOS (P5,300.00);**

"(c) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from forty-one to fifty per centum (41% - 50%), the monthly pension shall be [One thousand two hundred pesos (P1,200.00)] **SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED PESOS (P6,100.00);**

"(d) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from fifty-one to sixty per centum (51% - 60%), the monthly pension shall be [One thousand three



hundred pesos (P1,300.00)] **SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED PESOS (P6,900.00);**

"(e) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from sixty-one to seventy per centum (61% - 70%), the monthly pension shall be [One thousand hundred pesos (P1,400.00)] **SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED PESOS (P7,700.00);**

"(f) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from seventy-one to eighty per centum (71% - 80%), the monthly pension shall be [One thousand five hundred pesos (P1,500.00)] **EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P8,500.00);**

"(g) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from eighty-one to ninety per centum (81% - 90%), the monthly pension shall be [One thousand six hundred pesos (P1,600.00)] **NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED PESOS (P9,300.00);**

(h) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from ninety-one to one hundred per centum (91% - 100%), the monthly pension shall be [One thousand seven hundred pesos (P1,700.00)] **TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00):** plus [[Five hundred pesos (P500.00)] **ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00)** for the spouse and each unmarried minor children. [*Provided, That a veteran, with or without a service-connected or non-service connected disability, upon reaching the age of seventy (70) is deemed totally disabled with one hundred per centum (100%) rating and shall be entitled to a monthly pension of One thousand seven hundred pesos (P1,700.00) plus Five hundred pesos (P500.00) for the spouse and each unmarried minor children.*]

**SEC. 2.** Veterans and their beneficiaries who are qualified to receive the Total Administrative Disability under this Act shall be entitled to arrears computed from the time they became qualified until the effectivity of this Act.

**SEC. 3.** The amount necessary to carry out to pay the Total Administrative Disability pension arrears shall be included in the annual budget of the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office.

**SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.*** – If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

**SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, Executive Orders, Presidential Decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are deemed modified and repealed accordingly. *All affected provisions of existing laws are deemed effective until such promulgation of the IRR.*

**SEC. 6. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes first.

*Approved,*