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When Republic Act No. 6948 was enacted on April 9, 1990, it was declared state policy to help foster the socioeconomic security and general well-being of the country's veterans in recognition of their patriotic services in times of war and peace for the cause of freedom and democracy.

This law granting P4,000 burial assistance was further raised to P10,000 by virtue of RA 7696, which took effect on April 4, 1994.

Considering the increase in the level of prices of goods and services, the purchasing power of peso reversely went down. Hence, it is vital that these veterans who fought for peace, freedom, and democracy for our country is given the recognition due to them by passing this bill.

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



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AN ACT INCREASING THE BURIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MILITARY VETERANS FROM TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000) TO TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, AS AMENDED, 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:

SECTION 1. Section 20 of Republic Act No. 6948, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 20. Burial Assistance. – [Unless the person who defrayed the expenses for the funeral of a deceased veteran is entitled to a similar benefit from the United States Government, he/she shall be given Ten Thousand pesos (P10,000) as burial assistance upon application therefore in due form which shall be filed within two (2) years from the death of the veteran concerned] **THE PERSON WHO DEFRAYED THE EXPENSES FOR THE FUNERAL OF A DECEASED VETERAN SHALL BE GIVEN TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000) AS BURIAL ASSISTANCE UPON APPLICATION THEREFOR IN DUE FORM WHICH SHALL BE FILED WITHIN TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE DEATH OF THE VETERAN CONCERNED.”**

SEC. 2. Appropriations. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,