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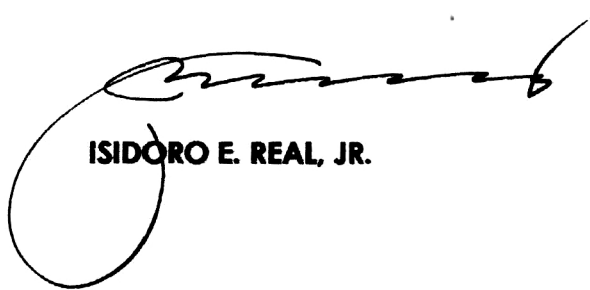
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In recognition of their gallantry and heroism, the Filipino veterans of World War II were given the opportunity to acquire American citizenship under the United States Immigration Act of 1990. On the other hand, our country grants permanent resident status to these heroes even after they have acquired American citizenship by virtue of Republic Act No. 7837. The law grants other privileges such as multiple visa and reentry permit. However, these documents are valid only for two years which defeats the purpose of the law, such as, to foster the 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.

It is, therefore, being proposed that the privileges on multiple entry visa and reentry permit be given a wider latitude so as to allow our heroes and their immediate family members to enjoy their stay in their own country free from worries of their multiple entry visa or reentry permit having expired and the burden of renewing the same. Furthermore, they will save time, money and effort and at the same time avoid the risks in going to and from the nearest office of the Bureau of Immigration.

Approval of this Bill, seeking to extend the period of validity on the privileges for multiple entry visa and reentry permit of Filipino veterans and their immediate family members, is earnestly urged.


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AN ACT

EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY ON THE PRIVILEGES FOR MULTIPLE ENTRY VISA AND REENTRY PERMIT OF FILIPINO VETERANS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE ACT GRANTING PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS, OTHER RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II WHO ACQUIRED AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP UNDER THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRANT ACT OF 1990 AND ANY OTHER PRIOR ACTS FOR THESE PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Paragraphs (b) and (c), Section 8 of Republic Act No. 7837 are hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. *Other Privileges Granted to Filipino Veterans and Their Immediate Family Members.*-

a) x x x

b) Multiply entry visa – Filipino veterans, their spouses and their legitimate, natural, recognized illegitimate, and unmarried children, shall be entitled to multiple entry visa which shall be valid [for a period of two (2) years] UNTIL THEIR APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS IN THE PHILIPPINES SHALL HAVE BEEN APPROVED.

c) Reentry permit – Filipino veterans, their spouses and their legitimate, natural, recognized illegitimate, and unmarried children, as qualified in Section 3 of this Act may avail from the Bureau of Immigration [and Deportation] of reentry permits that shall be valid [for two (2) years] UNTIL THEIR APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS IN THE PHILIPPINES SHALL HAVE BEEN APPROVED."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,