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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1905

Introduced by HON. AMADO T. ESPINO, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the Quarters allowances of the Officers and enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. The current quarters allowance is as follows:

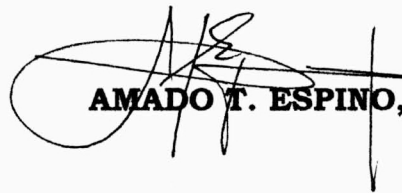
QUARTERS ALLOWANCE SCALE

OFFICERS	MONTHLY
General	1,500.00
Lieutenant General	1,350.00
Major General	1,200.00
Brigadier General	1,050.00
Colonel	900.00
Lieutenant Colonel	800.00
Major	700.00
Captain	650.00
First Lieutenant	600.00
Second Lieutenant	550.00
ENLISTED PERSONNEL	
Master Sergeant	500.00
Technical Sergeant	500.00
Staff Sergeant	450.00
Sergeant	450.00
Corporal	400.00
Private First Class	400.00
Private	400.00

The present rate is not adequate to support decent quarters in view of the current rate of house rental overwhelming the living conditions of the military personnel and their families.

The key to increased professionalism, effectiveness and efficiency of the military personnel lies in the adequate support of incentives given to them and their families considering the nature of their profession which always calls for duties away from their homes and the risks involved in the performance of their assigned tasks.

In view of the importance of this bill, it is earnestly requested that it be approved.



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AN ACT
INCREASING THE QUARTERS ALLOWANCE OF OFFICERS
AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF
THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote professionalism in the Armed Forces of the Philippines and to provide adequate remuneration and benefits to its members. Pursuant thereto, the government shall provide adequate support and incentives to the members of the Armed Forces.

SECTION 2. The officers and enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines shall be provided with housing facilities consistent with the requirements of the service. Allowance per capita shall be provided for all officers and enlisted personnel to attain this objective. Such allowances may be commuted if no housing facilities can be made available.

SECTION 3. In order to boost up the morale of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the quarters allowance for married officers and enlisted personnel shall be adjusted in accordance with the following rate.

OFFICERS	MONTHLY
General	1,800.00
Lieutenant General	1,700.00
Major General	1,600.00
Brigadier General	1,500.00

Colonel	1,400.00
Lieutenant Colonel	1,300.00
Major	1,200.00
Captain	1,100.00
First Lieutenant	1,000.00
Second Lieutenant	900.00

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

Master Sergeant	800.00
Technical Sergeant	750.00
Staff Sergeant	700.00
Sergeant	650.00
Corporal	600.00
Private First Class	550.00
Private	500.00

SECTION 4. The Secretary of National Defense shall determine the quarters allowance for unmarried personnel which shall, in no case, be less than ten (10%) of the rate provided in this Act.

SECTION 5. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 6. The Secretary of National Defense shall promulgate rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 7. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,