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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **3845**



Introduced by Honorable Tomas M. Dumpit

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution mandates the State "to provide immediate and adequate care, benefits and other forms of assistance to war veterans, and veterans of military campaigns, their surviving spouses and orphans" and that "funds shall be provided therefore."

Despite their recorded patriotic services to our country, the national government has taken a snail's pace in responding to the needs of the now aged, poor and sickly veterans. It is most unfortunate that unlike the veterans of other countries who are treated with much respect and given full support by their governments, our veterans are struggling for survival, lacking even in their basic needs.

This Bill intends to increase the old-age pension of veterans to enable them to live decently and enjoy the little comforts of daily living during this critical period of their lives.

As this benefit is long overdue, early approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT INCREASING THE PENSION OF VETERANS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, AS AMENDED**

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

Section 1. Coverage. All veterans, as defined in section 2(a) of Republic Act No. 6948, as amended, who are at least sixty five (65) years old and eligible to receive the old age pension shall be covered by this Act.

Sec. 2. Old Age Pension. The old age pension as provided in Sec. 10 of R.A. 6948, as amended, shall be increased by Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) effective January 1st of the proceeding year and shall be increased annually by Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) thereafter for the next five years.

Sec. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Secretary of National Defense shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual appropriations of the Department of National Defense.

Sec. 5. Repealing Clause. All laws, rules, regulations, orders, circulars and memoranda inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 6. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.