

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

House Bill No. **4317**



Introduced by the **Honorable Roilo Golez**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) is the country's primary uniformed maritime agency separate and distinct from the Philippine Navy (PN). It is relatively a small organization consisting only of about 4,000 uniformed personnel.

The PCG is tasked to perform three (3) main functions, to wit: a) promotion of safety of life at sea otherwise known as maritime safety, b) protection of the marine environment, and c) maritime security.

In exercising the aforesaid functions, the PCG in fact contributes to a safer business and tourism climate in the country, which is the core concern of the present administration in its efforts to improve our economy.

Furthermore, said functions have made the PCG not only as an indispensable partner of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) in preserving and maintaining the country's national security but also as a major component of the government's machinery in its battle against transnational crimes.

Nonetheless, in spite of this gargantuan and dangerous task, the uniformed personnel of the PCG are receiving a daily subsistence allowance from the government not commensurate with the duties and functions they are mandated by law to perform.

The present daily subsistence allowance of the uniformed personnel of the PCG is sixty pesos (P60). And, it cannot be denied that, with the present purchasing power of the Philippine peso, this amount is clearly inadequate to satisfy the needs for survival of one uniformed personnel.

It is important to stress that the majority of the uniformed personnel of the PCG belong to the underprivileged families.

This bill, therefore, seeks to alleviate the uniformed personnel from this sad plight by increasing their daily subsistence allowance from sixty pesos (P60) to one hundred twenty pesos (P120), with the end in view of boosting their morale and welfare, at the same time encouraging them to perform their assigned task faithfully and effectively.

In view of the forgoing premises, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE OF ALL UNIFORMED PERSONNEL
OF THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG), AND PROVIDING FOR ITS PERIODIC
ADJUSTMENT

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

Section 1. **Increase in the Daily Subsistence Allowance.** - The daily subsistence allowance of all uniformed personnel of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) shall be increased from sixty pesos (P60) to one hundred twenty pesos (P120).

Section 2. **Periodic Adjustment.** - A periodic adjustment of the aforesaid allowance, in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to reflect the increase caused by inflation, shall be made every three (3) years thereafter.

Section 3. **Appropriation.** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall initially be charged against the current fiscal year's appropriation of the PCG, and, thereafter, in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 4. **Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 5. **Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,