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HOUSE BILL NO. 75

Introduced by : **REP. RAUL V. DEL MAR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the present benefits of our Filipino World War Veterans by increasing their monthly pension and at the same time providing them with medical assistance.

There is no dispute that our war veterans showed a higher level of patriotism and love of country by risking their lives to defend our country and thus gained for us a true and lasting independence. However, these Filipino War Veterans are not being given the recognition, financial or otherwise, they rightfully deserve.

It is so disheartening to note the fact that our war veterans receive a meager pension. With the continuing escalation of the cost of living most of them could hardly afford a decent and humane standard of living. Now old and sickly, most of them frequent hospitals for medical attention and hospitalization. It is hoped that the benefits to be given shall help improve their quality of life.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of the proposed bill is indispensable.


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AN ACT
AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948 OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS 'AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE BENEFITS
FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS'.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of the Republic Act No. 7696 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 10. Eligibility. – A Veteran as defined in Section 2(a) of this Act who is at least sixty-five (65) years old shall be paid an old-age pension of SIX THOUSAND PESOS (P6,000.00) monthly, unless he is actually receiving a similar pension for the same consideration from other government funds or from the United States Government: Provided, that in the succeeding years FROM THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT, said SIX THOUSAND PESOS (6,000.00) shall be increased annually by not less than ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00) per month until total old pension shall be at least TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00) per month.”

SECTION 2. Section 7 of the Republic Act No. 7696 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 20. Burial AND MEDICAL 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 (P10,000.00) as burial assistance upon

application therefore in due form which shall be filed within two (2) years from the death of the concerned." FURTHER, A VETERAN AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2(a) OF THIS ACT IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FREE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED PESOS (P200.00) A DAY IN ANY ACCREDITED HOSPITALS."

SEC. 3. All existing laws or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall Take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,