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HOUSE BILL NO. 757

Introduced by: **Hon. RODOLFO W. ANTONINO**

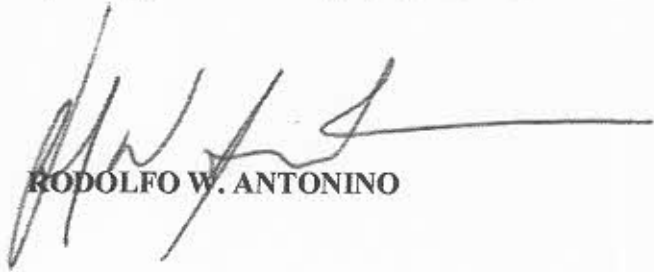
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the present old-age monthly pension of Filipino World War II Veterans and their surviving spouses and dependents.

Under our present Constitution, the State is mandated to provide adequate social, financial and other forms of assistance to war veterans including their spouses and dependents. Social justice dictates that the government gives priority to the enactment of laws which safeguard and uplift the lives of its people especially those who have served the country with loyalty and honor.

These are the Filipino World War II Veterans who, with every passing day, grow old, weak and sickly. They can hardly afford a decent standard of living since the old-age pension that they receive is not enough to sustain their medical needs as well as the constant increase in the cost of living.

In view of these compelling reasons, the approval of the proposed bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, AS AMENDED
BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7696, ENTITLED AS "AN ACT
STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE BENEFITS FOR
MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS"**

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 7696 is hereby further 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 EIGHT
THOUSAND PESOS (P 8,000.00) 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 UPON THE APPROVAL
OF THIS ACT, said EIGHT THOUSAND PESOS (P 8,000.00) shall be increased
annually by not less than ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P 1,000.00) per month until
total old-age pension shall be at least TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P 10,000.00) per
month."

SEC. 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7696 is hereby further amended to
read as follows:

"SEC 11. *Pension of Surviving Spouse.* – The surviving spouse of a
veteran as defined in Section 2(a) of this Act shall, regardless of age, be paid a

pension of EIGHT THOUSAND PESOS (P 8,000.00) MONTHLY, unless he/she is actually receiving a similar pension for the same consideration from other government funds or from the United States government. This pension is separate and distinct from the death pension granted under Section 12 of this Act: Provided, That in the succeeding years UPON THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT, said EIGHT THOUSAND PESOS (P 8,000.00) monthly pension shall be increased annually by not less than ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P 1,000.00) per month until total pension shall be at least TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P 10,000.00) per month.”

SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws or parts of any law inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,