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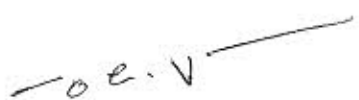
This bill seeks to increase the monthly pension of all Filipino War Veterans and to appropriate the necessary funding for its effective implementation.

Our war veterans showed a different brand of patriotism and love for country by risking their lives to defend our country and thus gained for us true and lasting independence. However, these Filipino War Veterans are not being given the attention rightfully deserved.

It is disheartening to note that our war veterans receive a very meager pension. With the continuing escalation of the cost of living, these veterans could hardly afford a decent and humane standard of living. Being elderly they are sickly and most of them frequent to hospitals for medical attention. But their very small pension is not sufficient for the expenses necessary to obtain medical attention and hospitalization.

This bill is in consonance with Section 7, Article XVI of the Constitution which states that "the State shall provide immediate and adequate care, benefits and other forms of assistance to War Veterans and veterans of military campaigns, their surviving spouses and orphans X X X."

In recognition of the courage and love of our country our War Veterans showed, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
INCREASING THE MONTHLY PENSION OF FILIPINO WAR VETERANS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The monthly pension of all Filipino War Veterans is hereby increased by fifty percent (50%).

SEC. 2. The Department of National Defense (DND) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of National Defense (DND) under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,