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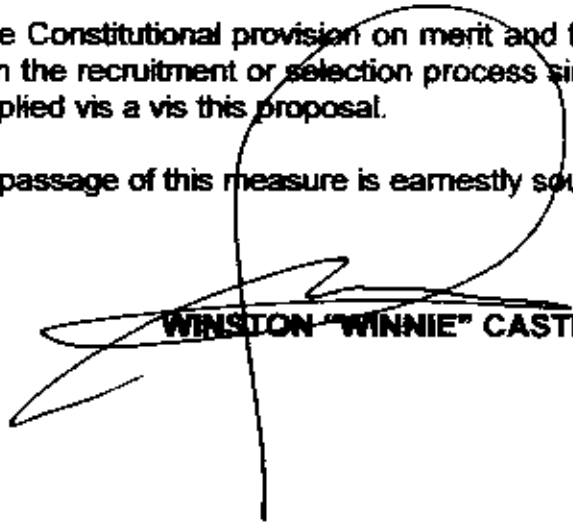
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Filed by Rep. Cynthia A. Villar in the last Congress, this bill is re-filed in view of its undiminished urgency. First and foremost, the veterans of World War II, Korean War and the Vietnam War have, patriotically and heroically, defended our country toward the freedom and independence that most Filipinos enjoy today.

If only as a fitting tribute to the country's war veterans, the government should be able to provide the veterans' children an opportunity to also render public service. To this end, this bill prescribes that preference may be given to sons or daughters of war veterans who apply for job or work in government, all things being equal.

With this bill, the Constitutional provision on merit and fitness shall not be unduly compromised in the recruitment or selection process since this underlying principle will still be applied vis a vis this proposal.

The immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
EXTENDING PREFERENCE OF EMPLOYMENT TO ANY ONE CHILD OF
VETERANS IN THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED
AND/OR GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Declaration of Policy – It is the policy of the State to enhance the socio-economic security and well-being of veterans and their families.

Sec. 2. Coverage – As used in this Act, the term "veteran" shall be defined in accordance with Republic Act No. 6948, as amended.

Sec. 3. Preference of Employment – All government agencies, including government-owned and/or – controlled corporations, shall hire or employ any child of a veteran: Provided, that in the absence or disqualification of the said child, a grandchild shall be hired or employed in his stead: Provided further, that the child or grandchild, the case may be, shall approximately be equal in qualification with other applicants for the vacant position: *provided furthermore*, That this benefit shall be extended only once to one member of the veteran's family, and that the said child or grandchild, as the case may be, shall not be related within the fourth civil degree by consanguinity to any official or employee of the government agency.

Sec. 4. *Exclusion.* – The provisions of this Act shall not refer to positions which are confidential in nature, policy determining or highly technical in nature.

Sec. 5. *Penalty for Violation.* – The appointing officer who knowingly violates the provisions of this Act shall be punished by a fine equivalent to one month salary for the first violation and dismissal from the service for the second violation.

Section 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Civil Service Commission and the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office shall, within thirty (30) days from the approval of this Act, promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement its provisions.

Section 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules, regulations, orders, circulars and memoranda which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 9. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.

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