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House Bill No. 6057

Introduced by Hon. PABLO JOHN F. GARCIA

**“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9049
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT GRANTING MONTHLY GRATUITY
AND PRIVILEGES TO AN AWARDEE OF THE MEDAL OF VALOR”
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 9049 entitled “*An Act Granting Gratuity and Privileges to an Awardee of the Medal of Valor*” is applicable only to the military and those awardees under Presidential Decree No. 1687 that have been integrated to the Philippine National Police. Thus, PNP personnel who became Medal of Valor awardees after the enactment of Republic Act No. 6975 cannot avail of the benefits and privileges under the Republic Act No. 9049.

PNP Medal of Valor awardees are also heroes who have exhibited supreme self-sacrifice and distinctive acts of heroism and gallantry. At present, the PNP performs an active role in the country’s internal security operations. Like their military counterpart, the men and women of the Philippine National Police are also exposed to extraordinary dangers in the field.

In pursuit of equal protection of laws and to further strengthen the patriotic spirit and nationalist consciousness of the police, PNP Medal of Valor awardees, their heirs and beneficiaries should be entitled to avail of the benefits provided in Republic Act No. 9049.

In light of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

Section 1. Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8 of the Republic Act No. 9049 are hereby
amended to read as follows:

Section 1. It is hereby declared by the policy of the State to consistently honor its
MILITARY AND POLICE HEROES in order to strengthen the patriotic spirit and
nationalist consciousness of the military **AS WELL AS THE POLICE**. Towards this
end, the STATE shall give due recognition to an awardee of the Medal of Valor of
his/her supreme self-sacrifice and distinctive acts of heroism and gallantry by providing
adequate social services and financial rewards in order to encourage men and women to
perform heroic deeds for their country.

Section 2. A Medal of Valor awardee will henceforth be entitled to a lifetime monthly
gratuity of **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000.00)**. This gratuity is
separate and distinct from any salary or pension which the awardee is currently receiving
or will receive from the government of the Philippines: *Provided*, That in the event of
death of the awardee, the same shall accrue in equal shares and with the right of accretion
to the surviving spouse until she remarries and to the children, legitimate, or adopted or
illegitimate, until they reach the age of eighteen (18) or until they marry, whichever
comes earlier: *Provided, further*, That such gratuity shall not be included in the
computation, of gross income and shall be exempt from taxation under Title III, Chapter
VI of Republic Act No. 8424, otherwise known as then "Tax Reform Act of 1997".

The provisions of this Act shall apply to the Medal of Valor awardees under Presidential
Decree No. 1687 who have since been integrated to the Philippine National Police (PNP)
**AND MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE UNDER
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551;**
Provided, That the appropriations therefore, shall come from the Philippine National
Police.

The President of the Philippines is hereby authorized, upon the joint recommendation of
the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, **THE CHIEF OF THE
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE**, the Secretaries of the Department of National
Defense and the Department of Budget and Management, to adjust at a reasonable time
and rates the lifetime monthly gratuity of the awardees: *Provided*, That in computing for
the rate of adjustment of the lifetime monthly gratuity, they shall take into consideration
applicable economic and social factors or indicia such as the inflation rate: *Provided,
further*, That no increase under this section shall be authorized within three (3) years
following the effectivity of this Act and no oftener than once every five (5) years
thereafter.

Section 4. Notwithstanding the limitation imposed by Presidential Decree No.577 on the scholarship program of military personnel **OR REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6963 FOR POLICE PERSONNEL** who died or are incapacitated in line of duty, an awardee of Medal of Valor and his/ her heirs/beneficiaries shall be exempted from the payment of tuition and matriculation fees in public or private schools, universities, colleges and other educational institutions in any pre-school, baccalaureate or post-graduate courses such as or including course leading to the degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD), Bachelor of Laws (LLB), and Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or allied and similar courses.

Section 5. A Medal of Valor awardee and/or a son or daughter, upon reaching the age of admission as a cadet/cadette in the Philippine Military Academy **AND/OR PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY**, shall be given a quota if interested to join the cadet corps of said military **OR POLICE** institution or otherwise priority for direct commission, call to active duty (CAD), and/or enlistment in regular/force of the AFP **OR**, if qualified **UNDER THE RULE, FOR LATERAL ENTRY OR RECRUITMENT INTO THE PNP.**

Section 7. The amount necessary to initially implement the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current savings of the Armed Forces of the Philippines **FOR MILITARY AWARDEES AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE FOR POLICE AWARDEES.** In the event that the available savings is not enough to fully implement the additional benefits, the grant of the same shall be applied uniformly to all awardees/beneficiaries thereafter, such sums as may be needed to fully implement the grant of additional benefits shall be included in the annual budget of the Armed Forces of the Philippines **AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE.**

Section 8. The Secretary of the Department of National Defense **OR THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT/CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION** jointly with the Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Transportation and Communications, and Department of Finance and other appropriate government agencies shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the objectives of this decree: *Provided*, That current recipients of this gratuity shall likewise, be granted the additional privileges as provided for in this Act.

Section 2. *Repealing Clause.* All other laws, rules and regulations, decrees, issuances, or any parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are likewise hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

Section 3. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 4. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) national newspaper of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

APPROVED,



PABLO JOHN F. GARCIA