

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
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FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

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HOUSE BILL NO. **6503**



Introduced by: Hon. Christopher S. Co, Rodel M. Batocabe and Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish the allowances and hazard pay for the reserve officers called into active duty by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

Republic Act 7077, also known as the Citizen Armed Forces of the Philippines Reservist Act, was passed into law in 1991. It became the policy of the State to maintain a standing or regular military force in times of peace consonant to its adequate and actual needs for the security of the State but which can be rapidly expanded by well-disciplined Citizen Forces in the event of war, invasion or rebellion.

Through this Act, the service of civilians as reservists of the Armed Forces of the Philippines was legally recognized. Such reservists have been called to active duty in times of national emergency and war, and have risked their lives for the benefit of their fellow Filipinos.

It is paramount that the State must give credence to their efforts by providing them with the necessary allowances and hazard pay befitting of these gallant volunteer protectors of the land.

Accordingly, the swift passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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Hon. RODEL M. BATOCABE

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Hon. CHRISTOPHER S. CO

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCES FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CITIZEN ARMED FORCES
OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "CITIZEN ARMED FORCES OF THE
PHILIPPINES RESERVIST ACT"

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

SECTION 1. A new Section 59 is hereby added to Republic Act 7077, also known
as the "Citizen Armed Forces of the Philippines Reservist Act," to be read as
follows:

Section 59. *Allowances and/or Remuneration of Reserve Officers.* (1) There
shall be an allowance of Three Thousand Pesos (Php 3,000.00) for every
month of service, and a hazard pay of One Thousand Pesos (Php
1,000.00) for every day of active duty in times of national emergency or
war to reserve officers belonging to the Ready Reserve, as provided for
in Section 13 (1) of this Act

(2) There shall be a hazard pay of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00)
for every day of active duty in times of national emergency or war to
reserve officers belonging to the Standby Reserve, as provided for in
Section 13 (2) of this Act.

(3) There shall be a hazard pay of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00)
for every day of active duty in times of national emergency or war to
reserve officers belonging to the Retired Reserve, as provided for in
Section 13 (3) of this Act.

SEC. 2. A new Section 60 is hereby added, to be read as follows:

Section 60. *Funds for Allowances and/or Remuneration of Reserve Officers.*
The funds for the allowances and/or remuneration of reserve officers shall be provided for in the regular annual appropriations of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders or rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity Clause* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.