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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police are the two main protectors of the state and of the people. They are those who sacrifice their lives to secure the general public. They ensure public order and safety in the society.

In line with this, it is but proper to give additional remuneration to the heirs of those members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police who died in actual combat. The heirs of those who died in actual combat deserves additional incentives from the government for their support.

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


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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE TO WIDOWS OR ORPHANS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE WHO HAS DIED IN AN ACTUAL COMBAT WHILE IN ACTIVE SERVICE.

Be it enacted by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines in Congress Assembled;

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. The 1987 Constitution states the principle that: "Civilian authority is, at all times, supreme over the military. The Armed Forces of the Philippines is the protector of the people and the State. Its goal is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory." In line with this, it is the policy of the State to give the widows and / or orphans of those who died in actual combat to give additional remuneration aside from the benefits to be received under RA 340, as amended by RA 3056, otherwise known as "Armed Forces Retirement Law", and RA 8551, otherwise known as "Philippine National Police Reform and Reorganization Act of 1998".

SECTION 2. Entitlement of Widows or Orphans. Upon the death of an officer of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and of the Philippine National Police, who has died in an actual combat while in the active service, the widow or the orphans shall be entitled to receive an additional Ten Thousand Pesos (Php 10,000.00) as one-time economic assistance and a monthly pension of Two Thousand Pesos (Php 2,000); *Provided*, That no orphan shall receive the benefit of this Act if the widow survives the member of the Armed Forces or the Philippine National Police.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. Any laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Effectivity Clause. This law shall take effect 15 days after its complete publication in three newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.