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Explanatory Note

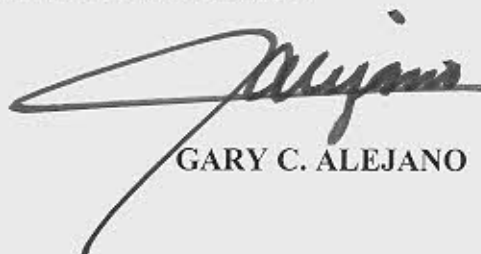
Republic Act 6948 was enacted in 1990 in cognizance of the State's policy to foster the socioeconomic security and general well-being of the country's veterans in recognition of their patriotic services. Said measure provided for burial assistance to veterans in the amount of Four Thousand Pesos. Four years thereafter, RA 7696 was passed to upgrade and standardize military veterans' benefits. Said upgrade included the increase of burial assistance to Ten Thousand Pesos.

It has been almost twenty years since the enactment of RA 7696 and it is high time that Congress grant an increase in the veterans' burial assistance given the mounting cost of living expenses and the concomitant decrease in the currency purchasing power. Further, as a last act of grateful recognition to their noble service to the country, it is but proper that the State honor our fallen veterans' memory by providing them with a dignified and decent burial.

Hence, this measure seeks to increase the burial assistance to the person who defrayed the funeral expense of a deceased veteran to Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) from Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00), amending for the purpose Section 20 of Republic Act No. 6948.

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


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INCREASING THE BURIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS FROM TEN THOUSAND (P10,000.00) TO TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE BENEFITS FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS”

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

SECTION 1. Section 20 of Republic Act No. 6948, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 20. Burial Assistance. – [Unless the person who defrayed the expenses for the funeral of a deceased veteran is entitled to a similar benefit from the United States Government, he/ she shall be given Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) as burial assistance upon application therefore in due form which shall be filed within two (2) years from the death of the veteran concerned.] **THE PERSON WHO DEFRAIDED THE EXPENSES FOR THE FUNERAL OF A DECEASED VETERAN SHALL BE GIVEN TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00) AS BURIAL ASSISTANCE UPON APPLICATION THEREFOR IN DUE FORM WHICH SHALL BE FILED WITHIN TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE DEATH OF THE VETERAN CONCERNED.”**

1 **SEC.2. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall
2 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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4 **SEC. 3. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the
5 Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,