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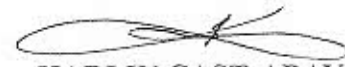
HOUSE BILL NO. 1419

Introduced by Representative Harlin Cast. Abayon
First District of Northern Samar

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Thus, this bill 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 otherwise known as "An Act Standardizing and Upgrading the Benefits for Military Veterans and Their Dependents."

This measure was previously filed by Senator Panfilo Lacson in the 15th Congress. Passage of this Bill is earnestly sought now in the 16th Congress.


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AN ACT
INCREASING THE BURIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS FROM TEN THOUSAND PESOS (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 the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. - Section 20 of Republic Act 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 therefor in due form which shall be filed within two (2) years from the death of the veteran concerned.] **THE PERSON WHO DEFRAYED 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,**"

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

SEC 3. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,