

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. **2697**



Introduced by Honorable Roy M. Loyola

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by our veterans in times of war and peace, it is hereby made a policy of the State to provide immediate and adequate care, benefits, and other forms of assistance to war veterans and veterans of military campaigns, their surviving spouses and orphans.¹

Proper and decent burial for our veterans is the last act of the State to honor their gallant services to our beloved country. However, due to rising costs in our daily expenses, a respectable burial for our veterans may no longer be possible. The last rite for our veterans may not measure up to what they have done to our country. It is therefore necessary that the burial assistance we give to the person who defrayed the funeral expense of a deceased veteran be increased.

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*".

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


ROY M. LOYOLA

¹ Section 7, Article XVI of the 1987 Constitution.

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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. 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.**"

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

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

Approved,