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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **5490**



Introduced by Honorable Leopoldo N. Bataoil

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to transfer of the budget for the monthly gratuity and privileges granted to awardees of the medal of valor to members of the Philippine National Police from the Armed Forces of the Philippines to the Department of Interior and Local Government, amending for the purpose Section 7 of Republic Act (RA) No. 9049.

The Medal of Valor is the highest award given to a member of the Philippine National Police for his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life and limb above and beyond the call of duty and in total disregard of personal safety. Aside from the decoration that an awardee will receive, he and his family are also entitled to some gratuities and privileges.

To consistently honor its military heroes in order to strengthen the patriotic spirit and nationalist consciousness of the military, Republic Act No. 9049 was passed into law on March 22, 2001. It enumerates the gratuities and privileges that the awardee and his family are entitled. These are separate and distinct from his monthly salary or pension. However, our awardees have a hard time claiming their gratuities because Section 7 the said law provides that the amount necessary for the implementation of RA 9049 shall be charged to the appropriations of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

When the Local Government Code was passed into law in 1991, the Philippine National Police is one of those government agencies that were devolved to the local government. As such, the budget of the Philippine National Police should be included in the Department of Interior and Local Government. Hence, it is necessary that RA 9049 should be amended to transfer the budget for the gratuity and privileges of the awardees for the medal of valor from the Armed Forces of the Philippines to the Department of Interior and Local Government.

Hence, approval of this bill is highly recommended.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE BUDGET FOR THE MONTHLY GRATUITY AND PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO AN AWARDEE OF THE MEDAL OF VALOR FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. NINETY FORTY NINE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 9049 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 7. The amount necessary to initially implement the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current [savings of the Armed Forces of the Philippines] ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT. In the event that the available savings is not enough to fully implement the additional benefits, the grant of the same shall be applied uniformly to all awardees/beneficiaries. Thereafter, such sums as may be needed to [fully implement the grant of additional benefits] FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT shall be included in the annual [budget of the Armed forces of the Philippines] GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.”

SEC. 2. Section 8 of the same Republic Act is likewise amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 8. The Secretary of the Department of [National Defense] INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT [jointly] IN COORDINATION with the Department of Education, [Culture and Sports,] Department of Health, Department of Transportation and Communications and Department of Finance and other appropriate government agencies shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to

carry out the objectives of this decree: Provided, That current recipients of this gratuity shall likewise be granted the additional privileges as provided for in this Act.”

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Adopted,



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