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EXPLANATORY NOTE

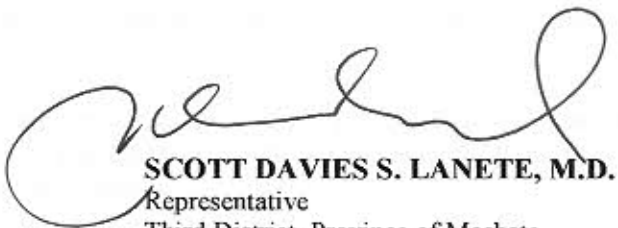
The recent incident involving the death of the Fallen 44 and the wounding of the rest of the SAF raised awareness on the risks our uniformed men face daily to fight terrorist organizations and extremist groups in the country. While our soldiers and policemen fight so the rest of us can be sovereign and free, they risk their lives without any complaint and hesitation.

In the recent hearings in the Senate regarding the Mamasapano incident revealed that members of PNP stationed in danger zones and tactical units receive a hazard pay amounting to a meager P240 per month and a combat pay of P340 a month. It was also revealed that AFP soldiers stationed in conflict areas receive combat pay of only P240 per month. Reality is revealed that with the risk inherent in such missions, the concerned PNP and AFP troops only receive measly salaries, allowances and benefits in exchange for the dangers they face in fulfilling their duties.

Although laws are already in place to provide financial assistance to wounded uniformed men while on duty, these laws are not adequate to help and alleviate their physical, mental, psychological and financial sufferings.

Though this bill, by providing for mandatory full medical assistance to the soldiers and police who are wounded while performing their duties, the physical, mental, psychological and financial sufferings they endure will be lessened if not totally alleviated.

Based on the foregoing, the immediate passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY FULL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO
UNIFORMED MEN WOUNDED WHILE ON DUTY**

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as “Medical Combat Pay Act of 2015”

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. The Constitution provides that professionalism of the AFP and PNP and adequate remuneration and benefits for its members shall be a prime concern of the State.

Section 3. Medical Combat Pay. In addition to the combat pay and hazard pay currently received by the AFP and PNP, a mandatory full medical combat pay shall be granted to wounded uniformed men while on duty.

Section 4. Inclusions. The medical combat pay shall cover all expenses necessary and related to the immediate care and recovery of the wounded uniformed men including their post-care and recovery. All wounded uniformed men shall be entitled to the medical combat pay the moment they are admitted in a hospital or medical clinic for care and shall continue to be entitled thereto until such time that a qualified physician declares them fully recovered, both physically and psychologically.

Section 5. Budget appropriations. Such amount as may be necessary to implement this Act for the current year shall be charged to the savings of the Department of National Defense (“DND”) for AFP and to the savings of the Department of Interior and Local Government (“DILG”) for PNP.

Section 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. As the lead agencies, DND and DILG, in coordination with AFP and PNP, shall promulgate its Implementing Rules and Regulations within ninety (90) days after its effectivity.

Section 7. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared invalid, the remainder or any of this provision hereof not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

Section 8. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders, presidential issuances and other administrative rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 9. Effectivity. The implementation of this Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,