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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



Introduced by **HON. MARISOL C. PANOTES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

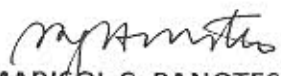
This bill seeks to augment the Personnel Economic Relief Assistance or PERA being granted to public school teachers and all other government workers.

The PERA was implemented in 1991 with the intent of providing emergency allowance to government employees as a relief mechanism to cushion the impact of irrepressible economic crisis on low-income and middle-income wage earners.

From P500.00 a month in 1991 to P2,000.00 a month at present, this subsidy has provided only a slight relief to the struggling working class due to the continuing decline of the purchasing power of the public sector wages that can hardly cope with the rising cost of living.

A substantial increase in the PERA will ease the burden borne by the cash-strapped public workers who are the most affected by the ever-increasing prices of basic commodities, transportation fares, tuition fees, utilities, medicines and other necessities.

For this reason, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


MARISOL C. PANOTES

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BY REPRESENTATIVE MARISOL C. PANOTES

**AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF ALLOWANCE OF
PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND ALL OTHER GOVERNMENT WORKERS**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Amplified Personnel Economic Relief Allowance Act" or AMPERA.

SECTION 1. The Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA) being granted monthly to public school teachers and all other government workers is hereby increased from Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) to Six Thousand Pesos (P6,000.00).

SECTION 2. The coverage of the augmented PERA shall include public school teachers and all other government workers, in the national or local levels, who are employed on a regular, contractual or casual basis.

SECTION 3. The funding requirements for the immediate implementation of this Act shall be obtained from current available sources of the national government as may be determined by the Executive Branch, subsequent funds for the same shall be provided in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. The Department of Budget and Management shall issue the corresponding rules and regulations, orders and circulars to implement this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,