

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
Third Regular Session

House Bill No. 8309



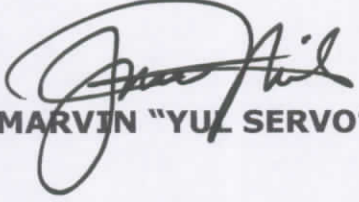
Introduced by Representative **John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto**

As a manifestation of support to this timely piece of legislation, this representation respectfully refiles this bill, which has constantly been receiving support from the past and present (Rep. Cayetano's HB 1182)

The history of this country is tainted with the atrocities done by the Japanese Imperial Army during World War II. Though the Japanese Government has made amends to make peace with the past, some abuses cannot be forgotten and the least that the Philippine Government can do is recognize and compensate these women who have suffered for years by remaining silent about their history hoping that someday they will be redeemed and saved by the country that values their lives.

This measure seeks to recognize "comfort women", women who have suffered enough in their lifetime, and alleviate their current condition through financial and health insurance from the Government.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


JOHN MARVIN "YUL SERVO" NIETO

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City
SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
Third Regular Session

House Bill No. 8309

Introduced by Representative **John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto**

AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS TO COMFORT
WOMEN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. – Title. – This Act shall be known as The Comfort Women Compensation and Benefit Act.

SEC. 2. - Definition of Terms. -

- a. "Comfort Women" shall mean Filipino Women who were made sex slaves by the Japanese Occupation Army during World War II as may be determined by the National Commission on Women.
- b. "NCRFW" shall mean the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women.
- c. "Department" shall mean the Department of Social Welfare and Development
- d. "PVAO" shall mean the Philippines Veterans Affairs Office.
- e. "Philhealth" shall mean the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation.

SEC. 3. Determination of Comfort Women. - The NCRFW is hereby tasked to determine the authenticity of the claims and identities of Comfort Women with the assistance of the various accredited cause-oriented women's groups. Applications for the compensation and benefits herein provided for must be filed

within two (2) years from the effectivity of this Act, otherwise the same shall forever be barred.

SEC. 4. Responsibility of the Department. - The Department shall formulate a program for the proper counseling and guidance of Comfort Women taking into consideration not only their ordeal in the hands of the Japanese Occupational Army but more so the pain and suffering of retelling them in public.

SEC. 5. Duty of Philhealth. - The Philhealth is hereby mandated to provide free full medical insurance to Comfort Women as may be determined by the NCRFW.

SEC. 6. Responsibility of PVAO. - The PVAO shall provide for the monthly pension of Comfort Women in the amount of Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00).

SEC. 7. Fund. - An initial fund in the amount of Ten Million Pesos (Php 10,000,000.00) is hereby allocated for the processing of applications and payment of pensions and insurance of Comfort Women identified by the NCRFW. Thereafter, the cost of the pensions and insurance shall be included in the budget of the PVAO and Philhealth under the General Appropriation Act.

SEC. 8. Separability Clause. If any part, section, or provision of this Act shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. All other acts, laws, executive orders, presidential issuances, rules and regulations or any part thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. Effectivity. The provisions of this Act shall take effect fifteen days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,