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House Bill No. **9149**



Introduced by Representatives LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO, FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ, ERIC GO YAP, and JOSEPH STEPHEN S. PADUANO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 2018, Congress passed Joint Resolution No. 01 authorizing the increase in base pay of the military and uniformed personnel (MUP) in the government. President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, recognizing the critical role of our MUP's in maintaining national security and peace and order and their exposure to high-risk environments in the performance of duty, signed the Joint Resolution on January 1, 2018. The Joint Resolution also suspends the indexation of the pension of retired MUP with the base pay increase of those in the active service. The suspension was lifted on January 1, 2019, resulting in the 2018 pension differential.

The 2018 pension differentials for MUP remain outstanding as of this fiscal year. Hence, this bill seeks to appropriate the sum of Fifty-Four Billion and Six Hundred Million Pesos (P54,600,000,000.00) as a supplemental budget for the unpaid pension differentials of retired MUP's under the Pension and Gratuity Fund (PGF).

The passage of this measure will ensure the final settlement of the long-overdue pension differential of retired military and uniformed personnel (MUP) of the Armed Forces of the Philippines as well as the retired uniformed personnel of the Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Philippine Coast Guard and National Mapping and Resource Information Authority.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FIFTY-FOUR BILLION AND SIX
HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P54,600,000,000.00)
AS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR THE PENSION AND GRATUITY FUND

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

SECTION 1. *Supplemental Appropriations.* The sum of Fifty-Four Billion and Six Hundred Million Pesos (P54,600,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury of the Philippines not otherwise appropriated, as additional funding and budgetary requirements for the FY 2021 Budget.

SEC. 2. *Funding and Budgetary Requirements for Pension and Gratuity Fund.* – The amount appropriated herein shall be used for the payment of pension arrears of the retired Military Uniformed Personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA).

SEC. 3. *Use and Release of Funds.* – The amount appropriated shall be released by the Department of Budget and Management (BDM) to the Department of National Defense (Armed Forces of the Philippines), Department of Interior and Local Government (Philippine National Police; Bureau of Fire Protection; and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology), Department of Transportation (Philippine Coast Guard), and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (National Mapping and Resource Information Authority), in accordance with budgeting, accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. *Applicability of General and Special Provisions in the FY 2021 General Appropriations Act.* – The amount herein appropriated shall be used for the purpose indicated and subject to the relevant special and general provisions under Republic Act No. 11518 or the FY 2021 General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SEC. 5. *Availability of Appropriations.* – The appropriations authorized in this Act shall be available for release and obligation for the purpose specified from the date of the effectivity of this Act until fully spent.

SEC. 6. *Transparency Provisions.* – The concerned agencies shall ensure the details of the fund distribution are included as part of the information posted on their transparency seals.

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If for any reason or reasons, any part of this Act shall be declared as unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts of provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication.

Approved,