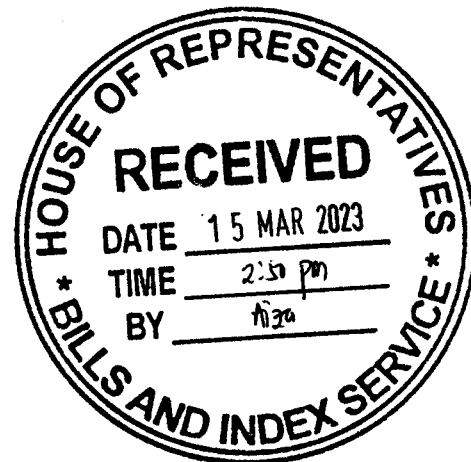


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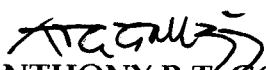
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The COVID-19 hit everyone around the world. Government employees were the biggest hit by the pandemic, as they have to spend extra money for internet connectivity and mobile telephony expenses. In addition, a lot of government employees also had to be physically present in their office because of being a part of the frontline of public service.

This representation finds wisdom in increasing the Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA) granted to government employees because of the financial hardships and sacrifice in the working conditions they had to face during the pandemic. It is also the opinion of this representation that the increase of the PERA granted to government employees will spur more economic activity because the recipient will have more buying power.

It should be highlighted that the PERA was last increased in 2009 or fourteen (14) years ago. The increase in PERA will also help in uplifting the morale of our government personnel, as they face the rigors of rendering fast and efficient delivery of public service in the country's all-out effort to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the Filipino people, approval of the foregoing bill is earnestly being sought.


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**AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF
ALLOWANCE
(PERA) GRANTED TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO
FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P4,500),
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA).* — The Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA) granted to government employees in the amount of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000) per month is hereby adjusted to Four Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P4,500) per month.

SECTION 2. *Coverage.* — The PERA shall be granted to all government personnel, whether employed by the national or local governments, appointive or elective, and whether occupying regular, contractual, or casual positions, as provided for by Republic Act No. 6758, or the "Compensation and Position Classification Act of 15 1989," as amended, as well as military and uniformed personnel. Provided that, government personnel stationed abroad already receiving overseas allowances shall not be entitled to the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Appropriations.* — For the first year of the implementation of this Act, funds necessary for the PERA of national and local government units shall be charged against savings, which for this purpose includes unreleased appropriations and other programmed appropriations. Thereafter, the amount necessary shall be provided in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* — In the event that any part, section or provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the

remaining provisions thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect as if the sections or provisions so annulled or voided had never been incorporated herein.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof not consistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified and/or superseded as case may be by this Act accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,