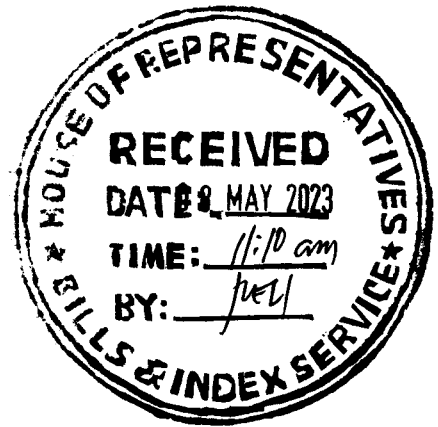


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine National Police (PNP) is a crucial component of the country's security infrastructure. However, in the line of duty, some police officers become permanently disabled, which can lead to significant financial burdens for them and their families. Unfortunately, the current monthly life annuity provided to these officers is severely inadequate to cover their basic needs, let alone their medical expenses. Furthermore, under the current law, if a retiree under total disability dies within five years from his/her retirement, his/her heirs can only claim pension for the remainder of the five years guaranteed period. This puts our uniformed personnel who have suffered in the line of duty at a severe disadvantage if they suffer from a disability.

This bill seeks to strengthen the pension of members of the Philippine National Police who are suffering from a permanent disability and who retired and/or passed without completing the length of service required by our laws for their respective families to avail of their survivorship benefits, more specifically the retirement pension of the deceased by giving the family of our uniformed personnel access to the permanent disability pension or retirement pension, provided that, the deceased is a uniformed personnel.

This proposed measure seeks to expand the total permanent physical disability and death benefits of members of the PNP by adjusting the prevailing scale of base pay of police personnel in the active service, regardless of their length of service, upon them reaching the age of fifty-six (56) years of age and allow for survivorship in case of the said member's death.

In view of this, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT EXPANDING THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 73 AND 76 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE UNDER A REORGANIZED DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 73 of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 73. Total Permanent Physical Disability. — A commissioned officer, a non-commissioned officer, or police cadet, who, regardless of length of service, suffers total permanent physical disability as a result of injuries suffered or sickness contracted in line of duty, shall be entitled to monthly life annuity, the amount of which shall be equivalent to eighty percent (80%) of his/her base and longevity pay computed on the basis of his/her actual rank held at the time of disability; provided, that it shall be subject to adjustment based on the prevailing scale of base pay of personnel in the active service, in addition to other benefits as provided under existing law: provided further, that total permanent physical disability shall be determined by the National Police Commission upon certification that he/she is unfit or unable to further perform the duties of his/her position: provided, furthermore, that upon reaching the age of fifty-six (56) years old, he/she shall be

considered retired from service and shall be given the benefits provided by law regardless of length of service: provided, finally, that upon qualifying to retirement pension, the disability pension under this section shall be discontinued.

Should such member be considered to suffer total permanent physical disability, his/her surviving legal spouse, or in the absence thereof, the surviving dependent children, shall be entitled to the total permanent physical disability pension or the retirement pension, as the case may be: provided, that the term dependent children shall include legitimate, illegitimate, and legally adopted children who are dependent on the deceased member of the PNP, not more than twenty-one (21) years of age, unmarried, and not gainfully employed, or are incapable of self-support because of mental or physical defect.”

SEC 2. Section 76 of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 76. Death and Disability Benefits. - A uniformed personnel and/or his heirs shall be entitled to all benefits relative to the death or permanent incapacity of said personnel, as provided for under Section 73 of this Act, and/or other existing laws.

SEC 3. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act following its enactment into law.

SEC 4. *Suppletory Application.* – For purposes of this Act, the Government Service Insurance System Act and Civil Service Law and their respective implementing rules and regulations, and other applicable laws, shall have suppletory application.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such declaration shall not invalidate other parts thereof which shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC 7. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.