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8 **House Bill No. 10283**
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11 **Introduced by HON. EDUARDO "BRO. EDDIE" C. VILLANUEVA**
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13 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**
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16 The passage of Republic Act No. 10931, commonly referred to as the "Universal Access to
17 Quality Tertiary Education Act" (UAQTE), mandates that State Universities and Colleges, Local
18 Universities and Colleges, and State-Run Technical-Vocational Institutions provide free tuition
19 and other school fees. The UAQTE has significantly alleviated the financial burdens on dependents
20 of military personnel who were Killed in Action (KIA) or have Complete Disability Discharge
21 (CDD) due to combat. While the UAQTE has reduced the financial strain on students, especially
22 dependents, there remains a need for additional support to cover their everyday school-related
23 expenses.

24 To ensure continued support for these dependents, this bill proposes to institutionalize the
25 stipend funds by amending Republic Act No. 6963, also known as "An Act Granting Special
26 Financial Assistance And Benefits to the Family or of Any Police or Military Personnel or Fireman
27 Killed or Incapacitated While in the Performance of his Duty or by Reason of His Office or
28 Position and for Other Purposes." Initially, this fund was designated for scholarships to cover
29 tuition fees, funded by firearms licensing fees as outlined in Section 10 of the Act. However, with
30 the implementation of the UAQTE and the provision of free tuition by educational institutions,
31 the funds from firearms licensing fees have been underutilized, resulting in a surplus. Amending
32 RA 6936, therefore, to redirect these surplus funds towards supporting dependents' other
33 educational needs is paramount.

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35 In this light, the passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.
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12 **AN ACT**

13 **AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6963, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT**
14 **GRANTING SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS TO THE FAMILY OR**
15 **BENEFICIARY OF ANY POLICE OR MILITARY PERSONNEL OR FIREMAN KILLED OR**
16 **PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY OR**
17 **BY REASON OF HIS OFFICE OR POSITION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**
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19 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
20 *Congress assembled:*
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22 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act 6963 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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24 " SECTION 1. DEFINITION OF TERMS - FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACT, THE
25 FOLLOWING TERMS ARE DEFINED:
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27 A. FAMILY REFERS TO THE SURVIVING LEGAL SPOUSE, UNMARRIED
28 CHILDREN, PARENTS, OR UNMARRIED SIBLINGS, IN THE ORDER
29 INDICATED. PROVIDED THAT UNMARRIED CHILDREN SHALL INCLUDE
30 LEGITIMATE AND ACKNOWLEDGED ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN.
31 PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT IF THE POLICE, MILITARY PERSONNEL,
32 FIREMAN, OR COAST GUARD IS A MUSLIM, THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS
33 OF THE CODE OF MUSLIM PERSONAL LAWS (SHARI'A) SHALL APPLY.
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35 B. MISCELLANEOUS FEE REFERS TO THE FEE COLLECTED BY THE SCHOOL
36 IN CONSIDERATION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND REGISTRATION OF
37 STUDENTS SUCH AS ENTRANCE, REGISTRATION, GUIDANCE AND
38 COUNSELING, LIBRARY, MEDICAL AND DENTAL, ATHLETIC,
39 SCHOOL/STUDENT PUBLICATION, STUDENT COUNCIL FEES,
40 LABORATORY, COMPUTER, INTERNET, TEST PAPERS, ID, AND
41 GRADUATION FEES.
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43 C. SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - REFERS TO THE EQUIVALENT TO THE
44 AVERAGE SIX (6) MONTH'S SALARY, INCLUDING ALLOWANCES AND
45 BONUSES, DURING THE LAST TWELVE (12) MONTHS PRECEDING THE
46 DEATH OF THE OFFICER WHICH SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED A PART OF
47 THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED AND WHICH SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM

1 ATTACHMENT, GARNISHMENT OR EXECUTION AND FROM INCOME AND
2 OTHER TAXES.

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4 D. STIPEND REFERS TO THE ALLOWANCES INTENDED TO COVER OTHER
5 SCHOOL FEES WHILE STUDYING.

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7 E. TUITION FEE REFERS TO THE FEE COLLECTED BY THE SCHOOL TO BE
8 USED IN PAYING FOR THE INSTRUCTIONS.

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10 F. OTHER SCHOOL FEES REFER TO THE FEES CHARGED BY THE SCHOOL
11 WHICH COVER OTHER NECESSARY COSTS SUPPORTIVE OF INSTRUCTION
12 INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

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14 1. LIBRARY FEES;
15 2. COMPUTER FEES;
16 3. LABORATORY FEES;
17 4. SCHOOL ID FEES;
18 5. ATHLETIC FEES;
19 6. ADMISSION FEES;
20 7. DEVELOPMENT FEES;
21 8. GUIDANCE FEES;
22 9. HANDBOOK FEES;
23 10. ENTRANCE FEES;
24 11. REGISTRATION FEES;
25 12. MEDICAL AND DENTAL FEES;
26 13. CULTURAL FEES; AND
27 14. OTHER SIMILAR OR RELATED FEES
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29 SECTION 2. Section 1 of Republic Act 6963 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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31 "SEC 2. The family or beneficiary of any police or military personnel, including any
32 fireman **OR COAST GUARD** [~~assisting in a police or military action,~~] who is killed or
33 becomes permanently incapacitated while in the performance of his duty or by reason of
34 his office or position, provided he has not committed any crime or human rights violations
35 by final judgment on such occasion, shall be entitled to the special financial assistance
36 provided for in this Act in addition to whatever compensation, donation, insurance, gift,
37 pension, grant, or any form of benefit which said deceased or permanently incapacitated
38 person or his family may receive or be entitled to."
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40 SECTION 3. Section 3 of RA 6963 is hereby amended as follows:
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42 "SEC 3. The special financial assistance referred to in Section Two hereof shall be that
43 which is equivalent to the average six (6) month's salary, including allowances and bonuses,
44 during the last twelve (12) months preceding the death of the officer which shall not be

1 considered a part of the estate of the deceased and which shall be exempt from attachment,
2 garnishment or execution and from income and other taxes."

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4 SECTION 4. Section 4 of RA 6963 is hereby amended as follows:
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6 "SEC 4. It shall be the duty of the cashier from whom the deceased or permanently
7 incapacitated police, ~~[or]~~ military personnel, ~~[or]~~ fireman, **OR COAST GUARD** used to
8 receive his salary, within three (3) days from receipt of a written certification from the
9 station or unit commander of the fact of death and the circumstances thereof, to deliver to
10 the beneficiaries such special financial assistance as stated in Section 2 hereof in case of
11 permanent disability, a certification by the proper medical officer designated by the Chief
12 of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines ~~[or the]~~ Chief of National Police, **OR THE**
13 **COMMANDANT OF THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD** as the case may be, is necessary
14 for the payment of the aforesaid financial assistance. After said payment, a report with the
15 formal certificate of death or permanent incapacity shall be submitted to the Secretary of
16 National Defense or the Chief of National Police."
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18 SECTION 5. Section 8 of RA6963 is hereby amended as follows:
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20 "SEC 8. All the surviving children of the deceased or permanently incapacitated police,
21 ~~[or]~~ military personnel, ~~[or]~~ fireman, **OR COAST GUARD** shall be extended scholarship up
22 to college in a nonexclusive institution, subject to the policies on the tuition of said
23 institution. The scholarship privilege shall include payment of tuition and miscellaneous
24 fees payable to the school **AND STIPEND COVERING OTHER SCHOOL FEES,**
25 **OUTRIGHT GRANT FOR PRESCRIBED TEXTBOOKS AND ESSENTIAL SCHOOL**
26 **SUPPLIES, OUTRIGHT GRANT FOR PRESCRIBED MILITARY SCIENCE AND**
27 **PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM, TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES AND MONTHLY**
28 **LIVING ALLOWANCE** and shall be remitted by the National Police Commission or the
29 ~~[Department of National Defense]~~ **ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES THROUGH**
30 **THE AFP EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT SYSTEM OFFICE**, as the case may be, upon
31 presentation to it of the approved enrollment or registration form. **THE LATTER SHALL**
32 **THEN DEPOSIT THE REMITTED AMOUNT TO THE BUREAU OF TREASURY."**
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34 SECTION 6. Section 9 of RA6963 is hereby amended as follows:
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36 "SEC. 9. The amounts necessary to fund the scholarship assistance mentioned above
37 shall be taken from the proceeds of the license fees for firearms collected by the ~~[Philippine~~
38 ~~Constabulary]~~ **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE."**
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40 SECTION 7. Section 10 of RA 6963 is hereby amended as follows:
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42 "SEC. 10. The said funds collected from the firearms licensing fees shall be turned over
43 to the National Police Commission which shall administer the same for the purpose of this
44 Act in the case of **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE MEMBERS** and firemen, ~~[and the~~
45 ~~Department of National Defense]~~ **ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES** in the case of

1 military personnel, AND THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD IN THE CASE OF COAST
2 GUARD PERSONNEL."

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4 SECTION 8. Section 12 of RA 6963 is hereby amended as follows:

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6 "Section 12. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prejudice and diminish whatever
7 benefits a member of the military establishment, ~~[or the]~~ **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL**
8 **POLICE** ~~[is entitled to receive under existing laws]~~, **OR THE PHILIPPINE COAST**
9 **GUARD.**"

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11 SECTION 9. Section 13 of RA 6963 is hereby amended as follows:

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13 "SEC. 13. ~~[All acts, laws, decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations which are~~
14 ~~contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.]~~
15 **IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) - THE DEPARTMENT OF**
16 **BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR LOCAL**
17 **GOVERNMENT, AND DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE SHALL**
18 **PROMULGATE THE IRR WITHIN NINETY (90 DAYS) FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF**
19 **THIS ACT.**"

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21 SECTION 10. Section 14 of RA 6963 is hereby amended as follows:

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23 "SEC. 14. ~~[This Act shall take effect upon its approval]~~ **REPEALING CLAUSE - ALL**
24 **ACTS, LAWS, DECREES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND RULES AND REGULATIONS**
25 **WHICH ARE CONTRARY TO OR INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ACT ARE HEREBY**
26 **REPEALED AND/OR MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.**"

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28 SECTION 11. Section 15 of RA 6963 is hereby amended as follows:

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30 "SEC. 15. **THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER ITS**
31 **PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE OR IN AT LEAST ONE (1) NEWSPAPER**
32 **OF GENERAL CIRCULATION.**"