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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to increase the old age pension of post-World War II Veterans and the Surviving Spouses of Veterans from the current Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00) to Ten Thousand Pesos (₱10,000.00), or a one hundred percent (100%) increase in the old age pension.

It was in 1994 or more than 30 years has passed since Republic Act No. 6948 was amended by Republic Act No. 7696, which mandated the increase of old age pension from ₱1,000.00 to ₱5,000.00.

In 2018, Republic Act No. 11164 increased the old age pension of veterans of World War II and Korean and Vietnam wars who are not receiving pension from the Armed forces of the Philippines (AFP), from Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00) to Twenty Thousand Pesos (₱20,000.00). This increased in old age pension did not include the pensions for the post-World War II veterans and the surviving spouses of veterans.

This Bill is in consonance with Section 7, Article XVI of the Constitution which states that *"the State shall provide immediate and adequate care, benefits and other forms of assistance to War Veterans and veterans of military campaigns, their surviving spouses and orphans. Funds shall be provided therefor and due consideration shall be given them in the disposition of agricultural lands of the public domain and, in appropriate cases, in the utilization of natural resources"*.

Considering the period that passed, the amount of pension has already become inordinately inadequate to support the needs of our aging veterans. Hence, it is about time to increase the old age pension of our post World War II veterans and the surviving spouses of veterans.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FIVE THOUSAND-PESO INCREASE IN OLD AGE
PENSION OF POST WORLD WAR II VETERANS AND THE SURVIVING SPOUSES
OF VETERANS, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, AS AMENDED**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to provide
2 immediate and adequate care, benefits and other forms of assistance to the war veterans,
3 their surviving spouses and orphans by alleviating their living conditions through policies
4 that provide for a decent and humane condition of living and improved quality of life.

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6 **SEC.2.** Section 2 of RA 6948, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as
7 follows:

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9 “Sec. 2. Definitions. – For the purpose of and when used in this Act, the
10 following terms shall be construed in the sense indicated unless the context
11 of a particular provision clearly indicates that a different sense is intended:

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16 “(j) Surviving Spouse **OF VETERANS –REFERS TO** the lawful widow or
17 widower of the deceased veteran, or the innocent spouse if he or she was
18 legally separated by final judicial decree from the deceased, **UNLESS SHE**
19 **REMARRIES, DIES OR HE/SHE IS ACTUALLY RECEIVING A SIMILAR**
20 **PENSION FOR THE SAME CONSIDERATION FROM OTHER PHILIPPINE**
21 **GOVERNMENT FUNDS.**

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1 (R)POST-WORLD WAR II VETERAN. -REFER TO THOSE WHO
2 RENDERED MILITARY SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
3 PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND HAS BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED OR
4 RETIRED AFTER AT LEAST SIX (6) YEARS TOTAL CUMULATIVE
5 ACTIVE SERVICE BEFORE MAY 27, 2007, OR TWENTY (20) YEARS
6 TOTAL CUMULATIVE ACTIVE SERVICE AFTER BEGINNING MARCH
7 27, 2007, OR SOONER SEPARATED WHILE IN THE ACTIVE SERVICE
8 IN THE AFP DUE TO DEATH OR DISABILITY ARISING FROM A
9 WOUND OR INJURY RECEIVED OR SICKNESS OR DISEASE
10 INCURRED IN LINE OF DUTY.
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13 **SEC. 3. Increase in the Old-Age Pension of Post-World War II Veterans.** -
14 Section 10 of RA 6948, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:
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16 "SEC. 10. *Eligibility.* - A veteran as defined in Section 2(a) of this Act who is
17 at least sixty-five (65) years old shall be paid an old-age pension of One
18 thousand pesos (P1,000.00) monthly for life, unless he is actually receiving
19 a similar pension for the same consideration from other government funds
20 or from the United States Government: *Provided*, That in the succeeding
21 years starting January, 1995, said One thousand pesos (P1,000.00)
22 monthly old-age pension shall be increased annually by not less than Five
23 hundred pesos (P500.00) per month until total old-age pension shall be at
24 least [Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) per month.] **TEN THOUSAND**
25 **PESOS (P10,000.00).**"
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28 **SECTION 4. Increase in Old Age Pension of Surviving Spouses.** - Sec. 11 of
29 RA 6948, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:
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31 "SEC. 11. *Pension of Surviving Spouse.* - The surviving spouse of a
32 veteran as defined in Section 2(a) of this Act shall, regardless of age, be
33 paid a pension of One thousand pesos (P1,000) monthly until he/she
34 remarries or dies, unless he/she is actually receiving a similar pension for
35 the same consideration from other government funds or from the United
36 States government. This pension is separate and distinct from the death
37 pension granted under Section 12 of this Act: *Provided*, That in the
38 succeeding years starting January, 1995, said One thousand pesos
39 (P1,000.00) monthly pension shall be increased annually by not less than
40 Five hundred pesos (P500.00) per month until total pension shall be at least
41 [Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) per month] **TEN THOUSAND PESOS**
42 **(P10,000.00).**"
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44 **SECTION 5. Funding.** - In order to augment the amount needed to fund the
45 increase in the old-age pension as provided in this Act, the amount necessary for the
46 initial implementation shall be charge against the current year's available appropriation

1 of in the Pension Gratuity Fund under the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such
2 sums as may be needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included
3 in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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5 **SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.*** - All existing laws or parts thereof inconsistent
6 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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8 **SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
9 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) national newspapers of
10 general circulation.
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13 Approved,