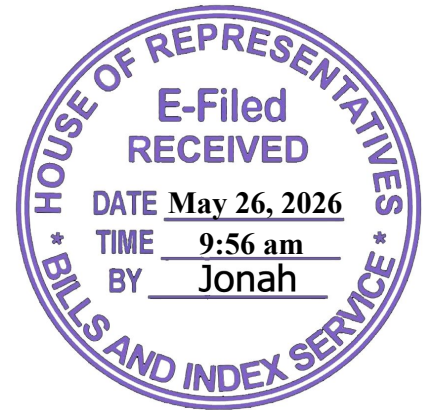


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HOUSE BILL NO. 9418



Introduced by **Representative ERIC G. YAP**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to strengthen the disability and survivorship benefits granted to members of the Philippine National Police who suffer permanent and total disability in the line of duty. It amends Section 73 of Republic Act (RA) No. 6975, otherwise known as the “*Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990*”, as amended by RA No. 8551. It also provides for an updated computation of disability pensions to reflect prevailing salary adjustments of active-duty police personnel and removes the existing limitation on survivorship pension benefits granted to qualified dependents.

Police officers continue to face life-threatening risks in the performance of their duties. In a July 2024 report, the Philippine National Police disclosed that sixteen (16) police officers died and forty (40) others were injured in the line of duty from January to July 2024 alone. This highlights the dangerous realities faced daily by law enforcers¹. In another incident reported in January 2024, three (3) police officers were killed while four (4) others were wounded during a gun battle with an armed criminal group in Samar while serving warrants of arrest². Meanwhile, permanently disabled retirees and their families continue to struggle against rising living costs. The Philippine Statistics Authority reported that headline inflation rose to 7.2% in April 2026, driven largely by increases in food, transportation, and utility costs³.

Despite these economic realities, existing law does not provide automatic adjustments in disability pensions corresponding to salary increases granted to active police personnel, causing many disability pensioners to receive benefits that gradually lose value over time.

¹ Caliwan, C.L. (2024, July 14). PNP chief: Emulate love, dedication of cops killed in line of duty. Philippine News Agency. Accessed from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1228936>. Accessed on: May 6, 2026.

² Amazona, R. and Meniano, S. (2024, January 31). 3 cops killed, 4 others wounded in clash with Samar gang. Accessed from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1217932>. Accessed on: May 6, 2026.

³ Philippine Statistics Authority. (2026, May 5). Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index (2018=100): April 2026. Accessed from: <https://psa.gov.ph/price-indices/cpi-ir>. Accessed on: May 6, 2026.

This proposed measure provides for automatic pension adjustments based on the prevailing scale of base pay of active police personnel. It likewise removes the restrictive five-year survivorship limitation and ensures the continued receipt of pensions by surviving spouses and dependent legitimate children after the death of a permanently disabled retiree. The bill strengthens the social protection framework for police personnel who sustain permanent disabilities in the line of duty and guarantees that benefits remain responsive to prevailing economic conditions and the long-term needs of affected families.

This measure responds to a profound obligation owed to those who place their lives at risk in service to the nation. Police officers who become permanently disabled often carry the physical, emotional, and financial consequences of duty long after operations end. Behind every injured officer is a family forced to confront uncertainty, rising expenses, and the painful reality that sacrifice sometimes comes with lifelong hardship. The nation cannot allow those who protected communities and preserved peace and order to face abandonment once disability prevents them from continuing service. This bill recognizes that genuine public service deserves enduring protection, meaningful support, and a system that upholds the dignity of those who sacrificed health and livelihood in defense of the Filipino people.

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



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AN ACT

STRENGTHENING THE DISABILITY AND SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990", AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551

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

Section 1. Section 73 of Republic Act (RA) No. 6975, otherwise known as the "Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990", as amended by RA No. 8551, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

*"SEC. 73. Permanent Physical Disability. - An officer or non-officer who is permanently and totally disabled as a result of injuries suffered or sickness contracted in the performance of his duty as duly certified by the National Police Commission, upon finding and certification by the appropriate medical officer, that the extent of the disability or sickness renders such member unfit or unable to further perform the duties of his position, shall be entitled to one year's salary and to lifetime pension equivalent to eighty percent (80%) of his last salary, **WHICH SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON THE PREVAILING SCALE OF BASE PAY OF POLICE PERSONNEL IN THE ACTIVE SERVICE**, in addition to other benefits as provided under existing laws.*

"Should such member who has been retired under permanent total disability under this section die [within five (5) years from his retirement,] his surviving legal spouse or if there be none, the surviving dependent legitimate children shall be entitled to the pension [for the remainder of the (5) years guaranteed period]."

SEC. 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The National Police Commission in coordination with the Philippine National Police and the Department of the

Interior and Local Government, shall promulgate rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act. Such rules and regulations shall take effect upon their publication in three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* – In case any provision of this Act or any portion thereof is declared unconstitutional by a competent court, other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, letters of instructions, executive orders, rules and regulations insofar as they are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or amended as the case may be.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,