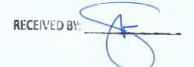
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AN ACT

RATIONALIZING THE DISABILITY PENSION OF VETERANS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, ENTITLED, "AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE BENEFITS FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR BENEFICIARIES," AS AMENDED

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

Section 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 6948, as amended, is hereby further 1 amended to read as follows: 2 "Sec. 5. Pension Rates. - A veteran who is disabled owing to 3 sickness, disease, wounds or injuries sustained in line of 4 duty shall be given a monthly disability pension in 5 accordance with the rates prescribed hereunder, unless he 6 is actually receiving a similar pension for the same disability 7 from other government funds or from the United States 8 Government]; 9 "a) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from ten to 10 thirty per centum (10% - 30%) the monthly pension shall be 11 [One thousand pesos (P1,000.00)] FOUR THOUSAND 12 FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (PHP 4,500.00); 13

1	"b) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from thirty
2	one to forty per centum (31% - 40%), the monthly pension
3	shall be [One thousand one hundred pesos (P1,100.00)
4	FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED PESOS (PHE
5	5,300.00);
6	"c) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from forty
7	one to fifty per centum (41% - 50%), the monthly pension
8	shall be [One thousand two hundred pesos (P1,200.00)] SIX
9	THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED PESOS (PHP 6,100.00);
10	"d) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from fifty
11	one to sixty per centum (51% - 60%), the monthly pension
12	shall be [One thousand three hundred pesos (P1,300.00)
13	SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED PESOS (PHE
14	6,900.00);
15	"e) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from sixty
16	one to seventy per centum (61% - 70%), the monthly
17	pension shall be [One thousand four hundred pesos
18	(P1,400.00)] SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED
19	PESOS (PHP 7,700.00);
20	"f) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from
21	seventy-one to eighty per centum (71% - 80%), the monthly
22	pension shall be [One thousand five hundred pesos
23	(P1,500.00)] EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS
24	(PHP 8,500.00);
25	"g) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from eighty
26	one to ninety per centum (81% - 90%), the monthly pension
27	shall be [One thousand six hundred pesos (P1,600.00)]
28	NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED PESOS (PHE
29	9,300.00)
30	"h) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from ninety
31	one to one hundred per centum (91% -100%), the monthly
32	pension shall be [One thousand seven hundred peso

(P1,700.00)] TEN THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 10,000.00);
plus [Five hundred pesos (P500.00)] ONE THOUSAND
PESOS (PHP 1,000.00) for the spouse and each
unmarried minor children: Provided, That a veteran, [with
or] without a service-connected [or non-service connected]
disability, upon reaching the age of seventy (70) is deemed
totally disabled [with one hundred per centum (100%)
rating] and shall be entitled to a monthly pension of One
thousand seven hundred pesos (P1,700.00) ONLY; [plus
Five hundred pesos (P500.00) for the spouse and each
unmarried minor children.] PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT
THE ENTITLEMENT TO THE DISABILITY PENSION
AUTHORIZED HEREIN SHALL BE PROSPECTIVE AND
LIMITED TO ELIGIBLE LIVING VETERANS ONLY."

- Sec. 2. *Appropriations.* The initial amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's available appropriations of the Philippine Veterans Office. Thereafter, such sums as may be needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- Sec. 3. *Separability Clause*. If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.
- Sec. 4. *Repealing Clause*. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.
- Sec. 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,