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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:*

1 Section 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 6948, as amended, is hereby further  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "Sec. 5. *Pension Rates.* - A veteran who is disabled owing to  
4 sickness, disease, wounds or injuries sustained in line of  
5 duty shall be given a monthly disability pension in  
6 accordance with the rates prescribed hereunder~~[, unless he~~  
7 ~~is actually receiving a similar pension for the same disability~~  
8 ~~from other government funds or from the United States~~  
9 ~~Government];~~

10 "a) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from ten to  
11 thirty per centum (10% - 30%) the monthly pension shall be  
12 ~~{One thousand pesos (P1,000.00)}~~ **FOUR THOUSAND**  
13 **FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (PHP 4,500.00);**

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 (PHP**  
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 (PHP**  
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 (PHP**  
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 pesos~~

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

15           *Sec. 2. Appropriations.* - The initial amount necessary for the implementation  
16 of this Act shall be charged against the current year's available appropriations of the  
17 Philippine Veterans Office. Thereafter, such sums as may be needed for the  
18 continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General  
19 Appropriations Act.

20           *Sec. 3. Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or  
21 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise  
22 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

23           *Sec. 4. Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
24 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or  
25 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or  
26 amended accordingly.

27           *Sec. 5. Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its  
28 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of  
29 general circulation.

*Approved,*