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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**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In recognition of their service and commitment to the nation, Philippine veterans must be awarded with sufficient assistance by the Government for the sickness, disease, wounds or injuries sustained in the line of duty. Section 7, Article XVI of the Philippine Constitution states:

Section 7. 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.

Taking this into consideration, the present rates that are provided for under Republic Act 6948, while it may have been enough during the time of its passage, has been severely undervalued in terms of the economic value after three decades.

While R.A. 6948 provides for the distribution of disability pension to Philippine veterans, the old rates provided therein are grossly inadequate, it being enacted in 1990. Almost 32 years after the enactment of R.A. 6948, the present legislation

covering the pensions of disabled veterans has to be adjusted in order to mirror the inflation and the devaluation of the Philippine Peso that occurred during that time period. Congress, by the power vested on it by the Constitution, has to exercise its right to remedy this problem through the passage of this pertinent legislation.

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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
2 further amended to read as follows:

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

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

12 "b) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from thirty-one to forty
13 per centum (31% - 40%), the monthly pension shall be [~~One thousand~~
14 ~~one hundred pesos (P1,100.00)] **FIVE THOUSAND THREE**
15 **HUNDRED PESOS (PHP 5,300.00);**~~

16 "c) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from forty-one to fifty
17 per centum (41% - 50%), the monthly pension shall be [~~One thousand~~

1 ~~two hundred pesos (P1,200.00)]~~ **SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED**
2 **PESOS (PHP 6,100.00);**

3 "d) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from fifty-one to sixty
4 per centum (51% - 60%), the monthly pension shall be [~~One thousand~~
5 ~~three hundred pesos (P1,300.00)]~~ **SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED**
6 **PESOS (PHP 6,900.00);**

7 "e) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from sixty-one to
8 seventy per centum (61% - 70%), the monthly pension shall be [~~One~~
9 ~~thousand four hundred pesos (P1,400.00)]~~ **SEVEN THOUSAND**
10 **SEVEN HUNDRED PESOS (PHP 7,700.00);**

11 "f) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from seventy-one to
12 eighty per centum (71% - 80%), the monthly pension shall be [~~One~~
13 ~~thousand five hundred pesos (P1,500.00)]~~ **EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE**
14 **HUNDRED PESOS (PHP 8,500.00);**

15 "g) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from eighty-one to
16 ninety per centum (81% - 90%), the monthly pension shall be [~~One~~
17 ~~thousand six hundred pesos (P1,600.00)]~~ **NINE THOUSAND THREE**
18 **HUNDRED PESOS (PHP 9,300.00);**

19 "h) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from ninety-one to one
20 hundred per centum (91% - 100%), the monthly pension shall be [~~One~~
21 ~~thousand seven hundred pesos (P1,700.00)]~~ **TEN THOUSAND PESOS**
22 **(PHP 10,000.00);** plus [~~Five hundred pesos (P500.00)]~~ **ONE**
23 **THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 1,000)** for the spouse and each unmarried
24 minor children: *Provided*, That a veteran, [~~with or~~] without a service-
25 connected [~~or non-service connected~~] disability, upon reaching the age
26 of seventy (70) is deemed totally disabled [~~with one hundred per~~
27 ~~centum (100%) rating~~] and shall be entitled to a monthly pension of
28 One thousand seven hundred pesos (P1,700.00) **ONLY**; [~~plus Five~~
29 ~~hundred pesos (P500.00) for the spouse and each unmarried minor~~
30 ~~children.~~] **PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE ENTITLEMENT TO**
31 **THE DISABILITY PENSION AUTHORIZED HEREIN SHALL BE**

1 **PROSPECTIVE AND LIMITED TO ELIGIBLE LIVING VETERANS**
2 **ONLY.”**

3 **SEC. 2. Appropriations** – The initial amount necessary for the
4 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year’s available
5 appropriations of the Philippine Veterans Office. Thereafter, such sums as may be
6 needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
7 General Appropriations Act.

8 **SEC. 3. Separability Clause** – If any part or provision of this Act is declared
9 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any affected thereby shall remain in
10 force and effect.

11 **SEC. 4. Repealing Clause** – All existing laws or parts thereof inconsistent
12 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

13 **SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from
14 its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
15 circulation.

Approved,