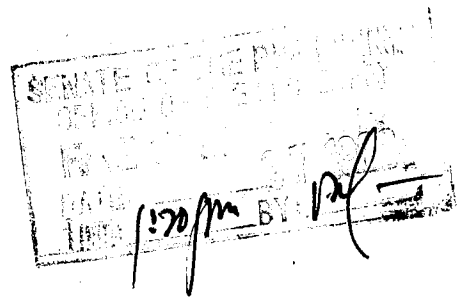


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S. NO. 1071



Introduced by Senator Vicente T. Paterno

E X P L A N A T O R Y N O T E

The Bill seeks to provide immediate relief to workers by increasing the daily statutory minimum wage rates as follows:

P15.00 in the National Capital Region

P10.00 in the cities of Cagayan de Oro, Metropolitan Cebu (cities of Cebu, Mandaue and Lapu-Lapu), Davao and Iloilo, and in the provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal; and

P 6.00 in other areas

These increases may be further adjusted, depending on results of consultations with labor, management and other concerned sectors to be conducted by the National Wages Council, within six months from the effectivity of the Act.

The proposed increases consider existing regional disparities and are within Development Plan targets for 1989. Inflation rate for 1989 is projected to be maintained at a single digit.

The increase of 23.4 percent for workers in the National Capital Region translates into a higher real wage compared to the December 1987 and November 1984 levels when R.A. 6640 and Wage Order No. 6 were enacted.

The proposed increase is limited to the minimum wage only. Increases above the minimum are left to collective bargaining.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.

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