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House Bill No. 2490

Introduced by Representative **GERALDINE B. ROMAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase and rationalize the grant of Disability Pension to veterans and their beneficiaries as mandated by Republic Act 6948, as amended.

In 1994, RA 7696 was passed amending RA 6948, the amount of Disability Pension which ranges from P 1,000 to P 1,700 depending on the rate of disability has not been increased given the current economic situations the amount is negligible and unrealistic in terms of cost of medicines, hospitalization, and even with the very basic needs of our disabled and aging veterans.

As provided in Section 7, Article XVI of the Philippine Constitution, the State is mandated to provide immediate and adequate care, benefits and other forms of assistance to war veterans and veterans of military campaigns and their surviving spouses and beneficiaries. The provision on the disability pension is in pursuance of the said constitutional mandate, a testament that our state values and recognizes the sacrifices of our nation's defenders — our veterans.

Therefore, to support the veterans this bill will provide them with a substantial amount of disability pension in view of their loss of capacity to be gainfully employed owing to the sickness or injuries they have sustained in line of duty and also for valiantly and selflessly defending the freedom of our country.

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


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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 amended to read as follows:

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

“(a) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from ten to thirty per centum (10% - 30%), the monthly pension shall be [One thousand pesos (P1,000.00)] **FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P4,500);**”

“(b) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from thirty-one to forty per centum (31% - 40%), the monthly pension shall be [One thousand one hundred pesos (P1,100.00)] **FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED PESOS (P5,300.00);**”

“(c) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from forty-one to fifty per centum (41% - 50%), the monthly pension shall be [One thousand two hundred pesos (P1,200)] **SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED PESOS (P6,100.00);**”

“(d) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from fifty-one to sixty per centum (51% - 60%), the monthly pension shall be [One thousand three hundred pesos (P1,300.00)] **SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED PESOS (P6,900.00);**”

“(e) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from sixty-one to seventy per centum (61% - 70%), the monthly pension shall be [One thousand four hundred pesos [P1,400.00]] **SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED PESOS (P7,700.00);**”

“(f) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from seventy-one to eighty per centum (71% - 80%), the monthly pension shall be [One thousand five hundred pesos (P1,500.00)] **EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P8,500.00);**”

“(g) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from eighty-one to ninety per centum (81% - 90%), the monthly pension shall be [One thousand six hundred pesos (P1,600.00)] **NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED PESOS (P9,300.00);**”

“(h) If and while the disability is rated anywhere from ninety-one to one hundred per centum (91% - 100%), the monthly pension shall be [One thousand seven hundred pesos (P1,700.00)] **TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00);** plus [five hundred pesos (P500.00)] **ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00)** 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. 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. If any part or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 4. All existing laws or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,