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 (P4,500.00);”

“(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 (P1,200.00)] 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,