

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10649, November 27, 2014]

**AN ACT INCREASING THE BURIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS
FROM TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00) TO TWENTY
THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
"AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE BENEFITS FOR
MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS" AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Section 20 of Republic Act No. 6948, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 20. *Burial Assistance.* – Unless the person who defrayed the expenses for the funeral of a deceased veteran is entitled to a similar benefit from the United States Government, he or she shall be given Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00) as burial assistance upon application therefor in due form which shall be filed within two (2) years from the death of the veteran concerned."

SEC. 2. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations for burial expenses of the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO). Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

(SGD.) FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate

(SGD.) FELICIANO BELMONTE JR.
*Speaker of the House
of Representatives*

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on May 19, 2014 and September 15, 2014, respectively.

(SGD.) OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate

(SGD.) MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP
*Secretary General
House of Representatives*