

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7696, April 09, 1994 ]**

**AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE BENEFITS FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS"**

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 6948 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. *Eligibility.* — Any person who rendered military service in the land, sea, or air forces of the Philippines during the revolution against Spain, the Philippine-American War, World War II, including Filipino citizens who served in allied forces in the Philippine territory and foreign nationals who served in Philippine forces or of any recognized or deserving guerrilla organization who took active participation in the resistance movement and/or in the liberation drive against the enemy during World War II, or of the Philippine Expeditionary Forces to Korea, or of the Philippine Civic Action Group or Philippine Contingent in Vietnam, who has never heretofore enjoyed educational benefit under Philippine law nor under the United States law, who desires to study; or one direct descendant of a veteran in whose favor he renounces such right; or the surviving spouse or a direct descendant of a deceased veteran in whose favor the same is applied for by the surviving spouse or by the legal guardian; shall, upon certification of the Administrator, be admitted to any school, college, university, or institution authorized by the Government, with all school fees, including tuition, matriculation, athletic, library, laboratory, medical, military training, diploma and graduation fees, at the expense of the Government, subject to rules and conditions promulgated by the Administrator."

SEC. 2. Section 5, Title II of Republic Act No. 6948 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. *Pension Rates.* — A veteran who is disabled owing to sickness, disease, wounds or injuries sustained in 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 from 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);

"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);

"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 (P1,200.300.00);

"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);

"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);

"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);

"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);

"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); plus Five hundred pesos (P500.00) 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) plus Five hundred pesos (P500.00) for the spouse and each unmarried minor children."

SEC. 3. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 6948 is hereby repealed and Section 10 of Republic Act No. 6948 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 10. *Eligibility*. — A veteran as defined in Section 2(a) of this Act who is at least sixty-five (65) years old shall be paid an old-age pension of One thousand pesos (P1,000.00) monthly for life, unless he is actually receiving a similar pension for the same consideration from other government funds or from the United States Government: *Provided*, That in the succeeding years starting January, 1995, said One thousand pesos (P1,000.00) monthly old-age pension shall be increased annually by not less than Five hundred pesos (P500.00) per month until total old-age pension shall be at least Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) per month."

SEC. 4. Section 13 of Republic Act No. 6948 is repealed and Section 11 of Republic Act No. 6948 is hereby amended to read as follows: