

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 573, September 07, 1950 ]**

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORGANIZATION, EQUIPPING AND MAINTENANCE OF A PHILIPPINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FOR SERVICE IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS AND POLICIES, TO PRESCRIBE RATES OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES WHILE ENGAGED IN SUCH SERVICE, TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION FOR DEATH OR DISABILITY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FOREGOING PURPOSES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

**I.-PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1. *Short title.*-This Act may be cited as the "Philippine Military Aid to the United Nations Act".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of policy.*-In enacting this legislation, it is the intent of the Congress to provide for the immediate organization of a Philippine Expeditionary Force, to include Ground, Air or Naval Units of such strength and composition, as the President may determine for service in cooperation with the United Nations fighting in Korea to make special provisions governing the pay, allowances and other privileges of officers and enlisted men by reason of the hazards incident to such service; and to provide effective and adequate material and financial support for the combat force above referred to.

SEC. 3. *Applicability; definitions.*-The provisions of this Act shall apply only to officers and enlisted men of the Armed Forces of the Philippines serving as members of the Philippine Expeditionary Force hereinabove referred to, and the words "officer/officers" and "enlisted man/men" when used in this Act shall refer exclusively to the officers and enlisted men above mentioned, unless the context of a particular provision clearly indicates that a different sense is intended. The term "service overseas" or "serving overseas" when used in this Act shall include any period of service commencing from the date of departure from the Philippines for service in foreign territory and terminating with the individual's disembarkation or landing on Philippine soil: *Provided*, That when an individual is authorized to return to the Philippines temporarily he shall be deemed to be rendering service overseas during the period of his temporary stay not exceeding fifteen days.

**II.-PAY AND ALLOWANCES**

SEC. 4. *Additional pay for overseas duty.*-

- (a) In addition to their monthly base pay officers and enlisted men shall, on account of service overseas as members of the Philippine Expeditionary Force hereinabove referred to, receive additional pay as follows:
  - (1) *Overseas pay.*-Officers shall, while serving overseas, receive additional pay equivalent to their base pay. En listed men shall, while serving overseas, receive additional pay equivalent to double the amount of their base pay and quarters allowance: *Provided*, That enlisted men shall not, while receiving overseas pay under the provisions of this subsection, be entitled to additional pay for hazardous duty provided for in Section 89 of the National Defense Act, as amended by Republic Act Numbered Three hundred fifteen.
  - (2) *Longevity pay.*-Reserve officers shall, while serving overseas as members of the Philippine Expeditionary Force receive longevity pay as provided by law for regular officers. Their periods of active service as reserve or recognize guerrilla officers shall be counted in the computation of their longevity pay the provisions of any existing law the contrary notwithstanding.
  - (3) *Overseas duty bonus.*-Upon return to the Philippines of any enlisted man from service overseas he shall receive an overseas duty bonus of one hundred pesos (P100): *Provided*, That payment of the overseas duty bonus shall not be made to any person more than once: *Provided, further*, That no payment of the bonus shall be made to any person who has been found guilty of a violation of Articles of War (Commonwealth Act 408, as amended) 59, 60, 67, 76, 77, 78, 79, 82, 83, 87 or 93, or is awaiting trial by court-martial for violation of such articles, or is returned to the Philippines for discharge under conditions other than honorable.
- (b) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, officers and enlisted men receiving additional pay as hereinabove provided shall not be disqualified from receiving other additional pay to which they may be entitled under laws and regulations of general application to officers and/or enlisted men of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

SEC. 5. *Allowances.*-Officers and enlisted men shall be entitled to rations, barracks accommodations, medical attendance, clothing, and subsistence and quarters allowance as are provided by laws and regulations of general application to commissioned and enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, They shall be furnished adequate winter and other protective clothing and additional rations or subsistence allowance as may be provided in appropriations for this purpose.

### III.-COMPENSATION FOR DEATH AND DISABILITY

SEC. 6. *Death gratuity.*-

- a. Upon the death of an officer or enlisted man as the proximate result of wounds or injuries received or sickness or disease contracted or

aggravated in line of duty while serving overseas, the surviving widow and/or legitimate, legitimated and/or acknowledged natural children of the deceased shall receive, in equal shares, a gratuity equivalent to five thousand pesos (P5,000) to be paid in lump sum. In the absence of a widow or legitimate, legitimated or acknowledged natural child at the time of the decedent's death, the gratuity shall be paid to the other legal heirs of the deceased in the order of intestate succession and as stated in the succeeding provision.

The foregoing provisions shall be applicable only in the absence of a will executed by the deceased, otherwise the provisions thereof shall be enforced in accordance with the civil law.

- b. Payment of the gratuity herein provided shall be directed by the Commanding General, Armed Forces of the Philippines, upon a determination by him of the line of duty and service connection of the decedent's death within the scope of this Act, and after The Judge Advocate General of the Armed Forces of the Philippines shall have made a determination in each case of the person or persons entitled to receive payment of the gratuity and the amount of their respective shares therein. In making such determination, The Judge Advocate General shall be governed by so much of the provisions of Republic Act Numbered One hundred thirty-six, as amended by Republic Act Numbered Two hundred nine, as are not in conflict with any provision of this Act.
- c. For the purposes of this section, the causative wounds, injuries, sickness or disease shall be presumed to have been received or contracted, or aggravated, in line of duty in the absence of evidence clearly showing the contrary.
- d. The death gratuity herein provided shall be paid in addition to the retirement and other benefits payable under existing laws on account of the decedent's death: *Provided*, That in computing the amount of such benefits, additional pay and allowances for service overseas shall not be considered.

#### SEC. 7. *Disability pension.*-

- (a) For disability which is the proximate result of wounds or injuries received or sickness or disease contracted in line of duty while engaged in service overseas, the Republic of the Philippines will pay to the officer or enlisted man so disabled, and who honorably discharged or separated from the active military service by reason of such disability, a pension in accordance with the rates specified below:
  - (1) If and while the disability is rated 25 *per centum*, the monthly pension shall be P30
  - (2) If and while the disability is rated 50 *per centum*, the monthly pension shall be P60
  - (3) If and while the disability is rated 60 *per centum*, the monthly pension shall be P70
  - (4) If and while the disability is rated 70 *per centum*, the monthly pension shall be P80