

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 660, December 23, 1953 ]**

**PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY INTO EFFECT THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIX HUNDRED AND TEN**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of Republic Act No. 610, I, ELPIDIO QUIRINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby promulgate the following rules and regulations to carry into effect the provisions of the said Act.

SEC.1 General Headquarters Armed Forces of the Philippines is hereby designated to process all claims for death gratuity and disability pension under Republic Act No. 610. Payment of approved claims shall be made through the Philippines Veterans Board, which is designated as the agency in charge of payment of benefits under said Act.

SEC. 2. Payment of the death gratuity provided in Section 3 of Republic Act No. 610 shall be directed by the Secretary of National Defense upon a determination by him of the line of duty and service connection of the decedent's death within the scope of said 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 guided by the provisions of Republic Act No. 136, as amended, which are not in conflict with the provisions of Republic act No. 610.

No payment of death gratuity shall be made by the Philippine Veterans Board except as hereinabove provided.

SEC. 3. A board composed of three (3) officers, at least, two (2) of whom shall be medical officers to be named by the Chief of Staff is hereby created in the Armed Forces of the Philippines and placed under the administrative supervision of the Adjutant General. This board shall be a full-time body and shall be known as the "AFP Disability Rating Board."

SEC. 4. All applications for disability pension shall be referred to the AFP Disability Rating Board, which shall determine the extent of the disability of the person applying for the disability pension based on the findings and recommendations of any authorized Certificate of Disability Discharge Board and all clinical records and in accordance with the schedule for rating disabilities of the US Veterans Administration, 1945 edition except for conditions as hereunder provide. A majority vote of the members of the Board shall be sufficient to sustain the rating of any individual case.

SEC. 5 a. Notwithstanding the finding of apparent physical soundness at the time of