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HOUSE BILL NO. 4732



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) are the frontliners in defending the nation against terrorists and lawless elements. Their sworn duty to uphold peace and secure the innocent puts their lives on the line anytime anywhere. Their very existence becomes the one thing that comes between the malefactors and their objectives, which threaten the very fiber around which peace and harmony are built.

Considering their ephemeral existence, the economic welfare of those who depend on them is under siege.

Hence, the State should look after their children and/or dependents when these modern day heroes die in the line of duty. The State should establish a program that would ensure the economic welfare of such dependents.

The immediate passage of this bill is thus most earnestly sought.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Precious Hipolito Castelo'.

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AN ACT
UPHOLDING THE ECONOMIC WELFARE OF AFP AND PNP MEMBERS' CHILDREN
AND/OR DEPENDENTS IN THE EVENT OF THEIR DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the 'Economic Welfare of AFP and PNP Members' Children and/or Dependents Act.'

SEC. 2. There shall hereby be established an Economic Welfare Protection Program for the bereaved children and/or dependents of AFP and PNP members who died in the line of duty with the Department of Social Welfare and Development as the Office of Primary Responsibility.

SEC. 3. Under this Act, children and/or dependents of AFP and PNP Personnel who died in the line of duty shall be provided financial, medical and/or scholarship benefits.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations for the Department of Social Welfare and Development under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,