

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 539, June 17, 1950]

AN ACT TO AMEND COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED SIX HUNDRED AND FIVE ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROVIDE PENSIONS FOR VETERANS OF THE PAST PHILIPPINES REVOLUTIONS OR WARS, TO CREATE A BOARD ON PENSIONS FOR VETERANS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREOF."

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

SECTION 1. Section one, two, three and nineteen of Commonwealth Act Numbered Six hundred and five are hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The veterans of the past Philippine revolutions or wars, over sixty years of age, shall be entitled to a monthly lifetime pension in the amount and at the time and manner specified in section three.

"SEC. 2. In case of death of a veteran pensioner, or an applicant for a pension to which he is entitled, the accrued and uncollected pension up to the date of his death shall be paid to the widow, or in default thereof, to his lawful children.

"Where there are no lawful children, the payment of the pension in arrears shall not be authorized except such part thereof as may be necessary for the payment or refund to the party concerned of the expenses for burial and last illness of the deceased.

"Notwithstanding the death of the prisoner, or the applicant for a pension to which he is entitled, the widow or in default thereof, to his lawful children, shall be entitled to continue receiving the pension, and paid at the time and in the manner provided in section three of this Act until they reach the age of sixteen."

"SEC. 3. For the proper administration of this Act, there shall be a Board on Pensions for Veterans to be composed of five members, all of whom shall be former veterans of the past Philippine revolutions or wars, who are not affiliated to any political group or party and who are competent and of good moral reputation, to be appointed by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments: *Provided, however,* That if the required number of veterans of such qualifications is not available, the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments shall appoint as many public officials as are necessary to complete the necessary number of persons to constitute the Board and shall, in either case, designate by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Board. The