

AN ACT INCREASING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 591, January 19, 1951

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Philippine Treasury not otherwise appropriated an additional sum of twenty-five million eight hundred and forty-seven thousand five hundred eighty pesos for the Armed Forces of the Philippines for the organization, equipping, maintenance and operation of ten additional battalion combat teams of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, as hereunder specified:

SALARIES AND WAGES

1. Base and longevity pay of officers

P621,800.00

2. Quarters allowance of officers

101,360.00

3. Subsistence allowance of officers at the rate of P1 each per day

73,300.00

4. Base pay of enlisted men

3,126,640.00

5. Quarters allowance of enlisted men

537,500.00

6. Subsistence allowance of enlisted men at the rate of P1 each per day

1,572,470.00

7. Clothing allowance of enlisted men.

1,152,920.00

Total for salaries and wages P7,185,990.00

SUNDRY EXPENSES

8. Equipment and supplies, including maintenance and operational cost

P14,802,090.00

(a) Quartermaster

P1,455,000.00

(b) Signal corps

812,500.00

(c) Medical service

158,150.00

(d) Corps of engineers

376,440.00

(e) Weapons and armaments; combat vehicles and motor transport equipment; ammunition; supplies and maintenance parts

12,000,000.00

Total

P14,802,090.00

9. Housing facilities and maintenance for officers and enlisted men on actual field operations 963,000.00

10. Expenses for hospitalization of personnel

101,500.00

11. Intelligence and counter-intelligence, including miscellaneous and contingent expenses

1,000,000.00

Total for sundry expenses P16,866,590.00

SPECIAL PURPOSE

12. Additional subsistence of P1 per day each for officers and enlisted men on actual field operations

P1,795,000.00

Total for special purpose. P1,795,000.00

SUMMARY

Total for salaries and wages

P7,185,990.00

Total for sundry expenses

16,866,590.00

Total for special purpose

1,795,000.00

Total

P25,847,580.00

SEC. 2. No portion of the appropriations provided this Act shall be used for the purchase of staff cars, for the payment of any expenses for, or of the salary of, any officer or member of the Armed Forces who has been Retailed to any office or employment or assigned to duties outside of the Department of National Defense.

SEC. 3. Any balance from said appropriations may be used to defray expenses for the subsistence, hospitalization, and rehabilitation of captured or surrendered dissidents only.

SEC. 4. The appropriations authorized in this Act for equipment and supplies, or so much thereof remaining unexpended, shall not be available for expenditure except for purposes mentioned in section three hereof, whenever the equipment and supplies for which said appropriations are intended are obtainable under the provisions of the military assistance pact between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United States.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, January 19, 1951.

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