REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES *Third Regular Session* 

H. No. 12931

## $\operatorname{Republic}\operatorname{Act}\operatorname{No}.\,9137$

## AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TEN BILLION NINE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P10,900,000,000) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY 2001 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Appropriations.* – The sum of Ten billion nine hundred million pesos (P10,900,000,000) is hereby appropriated to supplement the FY 2001 Budget for the following purposes:

A. Department of the Interior and Local Government - Philippine National Police Upgrading of Salaries for PNP Uniformed Personnel pursuant to Republic Act No. 8551 - Phase II	₽1,450,000,000.00
B. Department of National Defense - Philippine Veterans Affairs Office Increase in Pensions of Veterans pursuant to Republic Act Nos. 6948 and 7696	500,000,000.00
C. Foreign Assisted Projects Support Fund	1,000,000,000.00
D. Miscellaneous Personnel 4,150,000,000.00 Benefits Fund (MPBF) Deficiency in Salaries and Related Benefits For New Positions Created in FY 2000; Increase in Government Share in Health and Insurance Premiums (Medicare) from P450 to 750 per Employee under Republic Act No. 7875;	

Additional Requirements for PNP-Early Retirement under Republic Act No. 8551; and Retirement Benefits.

E. Salary Adjustment Fund	<u>3,800,000,000.00</u>
Five percent (5%) Salary Increase	for
National Government Employees	
TOTAL	P10,900,000,000.00

SEC. 2. Use of Funds. – The amount herein appropriated shall be used for the purposes indicated and subject to the applicable Special Provisions contained in Republic Act No. 8760, the FY 2000 General Appropriations Act (GAA), as reenacted: *Provided*, That the amount herein appropriated for the upgrading of salaries of the uniformed personnel of the Philippine National Police, the increase in veterans pensions, and the five percent (5%) increase in salaries of national government employees shall be effective July 1, 2001: *Provided, further*, That the amount herein appropriated for the Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund shall be used in accordance with Special Provision No.1 of said Fund in the FY 2000 GAA: *Provided, finally*, That the amount herein appropriated for Foreign-Assisted Projects Support Fund shall cover the deficiencies in funding requirements of on-going as well as new projects in FY 2001.

SEC. 3. *Release of Funds.* – The amounts herein appropriated shall be released to the departments, bureaus, offices and agencies by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in accordance with budgeting laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. Authority to Grant Five Percent (5%) Salary Increase to GOCCs and LGUs. – Subject to the availability of funds, government-owned and/or -controlled corporations (GOCCs) covered by Republic Act No. 6758 (the Compensation and Position Classification Act of 1989), as amended, and local government units (LGUs), are likewise authorized to grant similar increase in salary effective July 1, 2001 chargeable against their respective funds.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*. – The DBM shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the

grant of the five percent (5%) salary increase and the upgrading of salaries of PNP uniformed personnel.

SEC. 6. Authority to Increase the Annual Budget of the *Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC)*. – The PNOC is hereby authorized to increase its annual budget for FY 2001 for an amount not exceeding the peso equivalent of US190 million dollars to cover its investments in the Malampaya Deepwater Gas-to-Power Project and related expenses, including interest expense, taxes, fees, and other expenses, pertaining to financial and legal advisory services.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall take effect upon its enactment into law, unless otherwise specified.

Approved, June 8, 2001.