



PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
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CONCERNING
VETERAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA,

- Considering:
1. whereas it shall be deemed necessary to appreciate those who have actively contributed their energies on a voluntary basis in an armed unit (official or paramilitary) in fighting for, defending and maintaining the independence of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia;
 2. whereas the national progressive revolutionary unity with the Nasakom axis in all fields, including among veterans, shall absolutely be mobilized and cultivated as a guarantee to achieve the ideals of the Mandate of the People's Suffering, and therefore Veterans need to be united in a single revolutionary and democratic mass organization;
 3. 3. whereas for the purpose as referred to in points 1 and 2 above the provisions stated in the Veteran Law No. 75 of 1957 (State Gazette Year 1957 No. 162) needs to be improved/ revised in accordance with the state policy of Manipol/Usdek and its implementation guidelines, and in order to complete the current stage of the democratic national revolution against imperialism/capitalism, neo-colonialism and feudalism as the foundation towards a just and prosperous society without human exploitation by humans, namely Indonesian socialism based on Pancasila.

- In view of:
- a. Article 5 paragraph 1, article 20 paragraph 1, articles 27, 28, 29 and 30 of the 1945 Constitution;
 - b. M.P.R.S. Decree No. I and II of 1960;
 - c. M.P.R.S. Decree No. V, VI and VII of 1965;

With the approval of the Gotong Royong House of Representatives;

Has decided to:

- I. Revoke Law No. 75 of 1957 (State Gazette Year 1957 No. 162);
- II. Stipulate:

LAW CONCERNING VETERAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA.

CHAPTER I.

GENERAL PROVISION.



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Article 1.

Veterans of the Republic of Indonesia shall be:

1. Citizens of the Republic of Indonesia who during the physical revolution period of between 17 August 1945 and 27 December 1949 actively participated in the struggle to defend the State of the Republic of Indonesia in an official armed unit or paramilitary one recognized by the Government during that struggle period.
2. Citizens of the Republic of Indonesia who during the struggle for the liberation of West Irian of *Trikora* (three commands for people) from 19 December 1961 to 1 May 1963 actively participated in fightings/battles in armed units in the West Irian territory.
3. Citizens of the Republic of Indonesia who immediately actively participated in *Dwikora* (two commands for people) in operations/battles in armed units.
4. Citizens of the Republic of Indonesia in accordance with one of the methods as referred to in paragraph (1) participate in a war to defend the independence and sovereignty of the Republic of Indonesia against other countries that may arise in the future.
5. Citizens of the Republic of Indonesia who are immediately active in combats in armed units performing the commands as referred to in paragraphs (2) and (3) above in confronting other parties/countries.

Article 2.

1. All Veterans who have been legalized shall be awarded with the honorary designation of “Veteran of the Republic of Indonesia”.
2. Every Veteran who meets the provisions of Article 1 paragraph (1) above may be called Veteran of the fighter for the Independence of the Republic of Indonesia.
3. Every Veteran who meets the provisions of Article 1 paragraphs 2, 3, 4, and 5 may be called Veteran of Defender of the Independence of the Republic of Indonesia.

Article 3.

The provisions as referred to in article 1 shall not apply to a Veteran in case he or she:

- a. help the enemy of the state/revolution;
- b. is disloyal and betrays the state foundation of Pancasila and the state direction of the Political Manifesto.
- c. lose his or her right to become a member of the armed forces based on a court decision.
- d. is sentenced to imprisonment of longer than one year based on a court decision of the Republic of Indonesia.

Article 4.



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1. Each event which becomes the source of Veteranship in accordance with article 1 shall have their respective honorary mark which will be regulated by a Government Regulation.
2. Each Veteran shall be granted with a honorary mark of the event in accordance with paragraph 1 based on the source of the respective Veteranship, the implementation of which is further regulated by the Minister concerned.
3. Each Veteran of the Republic of Indonesia who has contributed to an extraordinary event may be proposed to be granted with a honorary star and/or service star in accordance with the applicable regulations.

CHAPTER II.

POSITION AND FUNCTION OF VETERAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA.

Article 5.

1. Veterans of the Republic of Indonesia shall be a group of people with a revolutionary and democratic character and have fought in armed units to defend the State of the Proclamation of 17 August 1945, and are therefore required to continue the struggle against imperialism, colonialism, capitalism and feudalism towards the implementation of the Mandate of People's Suffering, namely Indonesian Socialism based on Pancasila.
2. Veterans of the Republic of Indonesia shall be a group of people who have fought in armed units and are therefore required to strive to make themselves active elements of society in implementing people's defense and national development programs.

CHAPTER III.

RIGHTS OF VETERAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA.

Article 6.

1. Every citizen who meets the provisions of Article 1 paragraph 1 shall be granted with the designation of Veteran of the Fighter of the Republic of Indonesia Independence and granted with honorary marks according to Article 4.
2. Every citizen who meets one of the provisions of article 1 paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5, shall be granted with the designation of Veteran of Defender of the Republic of Indonesia Independence and granted with honorary marks according to article 4.
3. To the fighters of the Independence who were killed between 17 August 1945 and 27 December 1949 as a result of fighting for the Republic of Indonesia, they shall be awarded posthumous ranks as veterans of fighters of the independence and granted with promotion rights.
4. Every Veteran of the Republic of Indonesia who were killed in service/died while performing state duties shall be entitled to be buried in the garden tomb of heroes in accordance with the applicable regulations.



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5. The implementation of the provisions as referred to in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be regulated by the Minister or an official appointed by the Government.

Article 7.

1. A Veteran of the Republic of Indonesia, a former soldier of the armed forces, shall have the right to wear uniforms and rank badges of the last rank in National ceremonies and National and military days in accordance with the applicable provisions.
2. A Veteran of the Republic of Indonesia, who is not a former soldier of the armed forces, may wear uniforms and badges whose forms and manners of use shall be determined by the Minister concerned.

Article 8.

1. If a Veteran of the Republic of Indonesia is a civil servant or becomes a civil servant, the period during which he or she was involved in units as referred to in Article 1 shall be counted as the service period if he or she is a Veteran of Independence Defender, whereas if he or she is a Veteran of Independence Fighter it is counted 2 times as the full service period and to be calculated for pension.
2. A Veteran of the Republic of Indonesia, if he or she is a civil servant or private laborer, he or she shall be reemployed into his or her original job without impairing his or her rights after explaining his or her duties.

Article 9.

1. A Veteran of the Republic of Indonesia who, in connection with his or her living, is in need of assistance, shall be provided with assistance in accordance with the provisions stipulated by a Presidential Decree regulating the method of provision and the form of assistance for Veterans of the Republic of Indonesia.
2. *Warakawuri* (wives) and orphaned children of the veterans of the Republic of Indonesia who died while still in service in the unitary environment as referred to in Article 1, shall be provided with allowances in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Presidential Decree.
3. A Veteran of the Republic of Indonesia and his or her family, who in fact have to provide assistance according to paragraph 1 of this article, shall be provided with medical assistance/treatment in accordance with the regulations concerning medical assistance/treatment that apply to retired civil servants.

Article 10.

A Veteran of the Republic of Indonesia who has not been employed may be provided with vocational training on the Government's expense in accordance with the method and time which will be regulated by a Presidential Decree.



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Article 11.

- (1) A Veteran of the Republic of Indonesia shall be prioritized in occupying a position in a Government Office, by taking into account the qualifications required for the position as a Civil Servant.
- (2) The provisions of paragraph 1 of this article shall also apply to the Department, State and Private Companies in accordance with the provisions stipulated by a Presidential Decree.
- (3) The companies as referred to in paragraph 2 of this article shall be required to employ Veterans of the Republic of Indonesia as employees or workers at least 25% of the existing vacancies.

Article 12.

Veterans of the Republic of Indonesia who start a business individually or collectively shall be provided with assistance and guidance which will be regulated in a Presidential Decree.

CHAPTER IV.

OBLIGATIONS OF VETERAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA.

Article 13.

Every Veteran of the Republic of Indonesia shall be required to be loyal to the State Foundation of Pancasila and the state direction of the Political Manifesto.

Article 14.

Every Veteran of the Republic of Indonesia shall be required to uphold the reputation and honorary codes of Veterans.

Article 15.

Every Veteran of the Republic of Indonesia shall have the right and obligation to become a member of the Veteran Legion of the Republic of Indonesia which is the only mass organization for veterans. Its implementation shall be regulated in the Articles of Association and Bylaws in accordance with Article 18 paragraph 2.

Article 16.



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Every Veteran of the Republic of Indonesia shall be required to participate in holding military secrets about which he or she knows, upholding the honor of the State, and defending Pancasila from the *Manipol Usdek*.

CHAPTER V.

SPECIALIZED AGENCIES DEALING WITH THE VETERAN ISSUES.

Article 17.

To implement the provisions contained in this Law, the President shall establish another Department or Agency, in accordance with the levels of settlement of veteran issues.

Article 18.

- (1) By a Presidential Decree, a mass organization for veterans shall be created, made as the Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia that will bring together all Veterans as one of the elements of the progressive revolutionary national force with a Nasakom axis that can be mobilized to undertake revolutionary tasks under the leadership of the President the Great Leader of the Revolution.
- (2) The Articles of Association and Bylaws of the Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia as referred to in paragraph (1) shall be proposed by the Congress and stipulated by a Presidential Decree.

Article 19.

All veterans who have disabilities due to the struggle/duties, the warakawuri and orphans of the veterans shall be specially taken care, of which will be regulated by Government regulations.

Article 20.

In addition to implementing the provisions contained in Chapter III, the government shall be required to provide support and guidance to the Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia to enable it performing its duties to bring the entire Veteran masses towards integration with the people and revolutionary tasks, both in the defense and the development sectors.

CHAPTER VI.

CRIMINAL PROVISIONS.



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Article 21.

Any person who deliberately gives untrue information about himself or herself or another person regarding the provisions of Article 1 shall be subject to imprisonment for of five years and/or fine for a maximum of one hundred thousand rupiah.

Article 22.

Any person who name himself or herself a Veteran for certain purposes while he or she is not entitled to the designation, shall be subject to imprisonment for a maximum of five years and/or fine for a maximum of one hundred thousand rupiah.

Article 23.

Any person who violates the provisions as referred to in Article 11 shall be subject to imprisonment for a maximum of five years and/or fine for a maximum of one hundred thousand rupiah.

Article 24.

A Veteran who violates the provisions of articles 13, 14 and 16 shall be deprived of his right as a Veteran, in addition to the criminal punishment that may be imposed in accordance with the applicable criminal provisions.

Article 25.

The criminal acts listed in articles 21, 22 and 23 shall be crimes.

CHAPTER VII.

TRANSITIONAL AND CLOSING PROVISIONS.

Article 26.

All provisions of Law on Veterans of Independence Fighters (Law No. 75 of 1957, State Gazette Year 1957 No. 162) which was implemented upon the entry of this Law into effect shall remain in effect as long as there are no substitute provisions under this Law.

Article 27.



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All implementing regulations based on Law no. 75 of 1957 (State Gazette Year 1957 No. 162) which is still in effect upon the entry of this Law into effect, shall remain in effect as long as it is not revoked, amended or added under this Law.

Article 28.

For those who are veterans as referred to in Article 1, who upon the entry of this Law into effect have been provided with certain treatment based on the applicable regulations, shall still be provided with such treatment, as long as it has not been adjusted by this Law.

Article 29.

This law shall come into force on the day of its promulgation.

For public cognizance, this Law shall be promulgated by placing it in the State Gazette of the Republic of Indonesia.

Stipulated in Jakarta

at 10 August 1965

The President of the Republic of
Indonesia,

signed

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Promulgated in Jakarta

at 10 August 1965

Minister/State Secretary

signed

MOCHD. ICHSAN.



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EXPLANATION OF
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GENERAL EXPLANATION.

1. The Government and people of Indonesia sincerely appreciate and respect their sons who, during the period of physical revolution, the period of survival and investment, have struggled to take up arms to defend the independence and freedom of their homeland under the banner of the struggle against imperialism/capitalism, and feudalism in all their forms and manifestations.
2.
 - a. Our revolution is pursuing one big idea, namely to undertake the Mandate of the the Indonesian People's suffering and the Mandate of the Suffering of the People throughout the earth, a truly greatest mandate. Therefore, the basis of our revolution must be great, namely: the basis of the Nasakom Union and Unity.
 - b. The experiences of our movement show the objective imperative for the progressive revolutionary Nasakom Union and Unity in order to realize the three frameworks of our revolutionary goals, both national and international.
 - c. The Mandate of self-supporting from P.J.M. (the honorable) President has indicated that there are people who dismantle Pancasila from the Unity of its principles, and there are currently also symptoms of dismantling Nasakom from its essence and form of unity, by accepting Nasakom in its interpretation as a set of elements, in terms of a series of elements. NAS is attached to element-A followed by KOM, but in no way captures the soul and character of the national-progressive-revolutionary unity and unity of NASAKOM as the feeling of Pancasila.
 - d. In Indonesia, the development of Nationalism, the development of Religion, and the development of Communism are guaranteed. The three streams must work together in harmony. Each of them is not allowed to discuss the other streams in a detrimental way to that other streams. Anti-Nationalism, anti-Religion and anti-Communism propaganda is also prohibited.
 - e. Indeed, our Indonesia from Sabang to Merauke is intact and united, but if we are not concerned and if we do not forge the Nasakom unity, in all fields, the final victory will also not be achieved.
- 3 One aspect of the Government's efforts to revoke the Law on Veterans No. 75 of 1957 and replace it with a new Veterans Law is intended to reaffirm that the Veteran issues are essentially issues of struggle, issues of revolution which are still ongoing and therefore they are one with the increasing demands of revolution, one with the romance, dynamics and dialectics of revolution.



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4. In order to be able to actually realize what is contained in points 1 and 3 above, the Government regulates in this Law:
 - a. issues concerning general provisions,
 - b. issues concerning the position and function,
 - c. rights and obligations.
 - d. specialized agencies dealing with Veterans issues.
 - e. criminal provisions,
 - f. transitional and closing provisions.

5. This Law only regulates basic issues, while the issues of:
 - a. recognition of Veterans.
 - b. recognition of Veterans with disabilities,
 - c. recognition of warakawuri and orphans.
 - d. provision of allowances, medical treatment and social security efforts, education, etc.,
 - e. mobilization of personnel in the field of defense and development,
 - f. mass organizing for Veterans into the Veteran Legion of R.I.;
 - g. the arrangement of other agencies for the implementation of this law, the regulation shall be left to the minister concerned or by government regulations.

EXPLANATION, CONSIDERANT AND ARTICLE BY ARTICLE

Considerant.

See General Explanation number 2.

Article 1.

Based on the definition of emancipation, the definition of Veteran is applied both to men and women who struggle hand in hand. Regarding the age limit for veterans' maturity, generally accepted provisions are taken, namely starting from 18 years, except for those who are married.

Article 2.

Those who have the right to use the designation of Veteran are those who have received a Decree from the competent agency stipulated by a Government Regulation. Those who were killed in service are provided with the posthumous award as a Veteran.

Article 3.



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The provisions as referred to in article 3 sub a and b are political sanctions which are interpreted in accordance with the Decree mandated by the President/the Great Leader of the Revolution both in Manipol with its instructions and other Presidential Decrees such as against forbidden parties, rebellion, counter revolution and others.

Article 4, paragraph 3.

1. Services refer to events before and after he or she is granted with the Veteran honorary marks.
2. The Veteran Legion of the Republic of Indonesia may propose its members to be granted with an honorary star/service star under article 4 sub 3.

Article 5.

What is meant by community groups are groups of former armed combatants with unique ideals only occur during the physical revolution in Indonesia.

Article 6.

In accordance with the explanation of article 2, the levels of honorary marks granting are regulated by a Regulation of Government or Minister concerned.

Article 7.

Self-explanatory.

Article 8.

A veteran who wishes to return to civil service is considered to have 2 times of service period during the period of physical revolution as long as he or she does not lose his or her rights as a civil servant.

Articles 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

Self-explanatory.

Article 15.



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A Veteran who meets the requirements stipulated in Article 1 which has previously been regulated in special regulations regarding recognition of Veteran and has obtained his or her identification card must feel required to join the Veterans Legion.

Article 16.

Self-explanatory.

Article 17.

Specialized agencies which are Governmental and non-Governmental have the main task of fostering a progressive revolutionary union with the NASAKOM axis in all fields, including among veterans:

Planning, preparing the masses of Veterans for revolutionary duties to strengthen the National Defense, National Front and others.

Article 18.

See general explanation of number 2.

Article 19.

Veterans who suffer from physical and/or mental disabilities, whether due to armed duties or other causes of their living, should be prioritized in receiving assistance. Likewise for Warakawuri and the orphaned children, all aspects are regulated in a Government Regulation.

Article 20.

In providing encouragement of assistance and guidance, a platform must be provided in order to prevent a contradictory dualism from arising.

Untuk itu harus ada Peraturan yang mengatur landasan kerja bagi dua badan tersebut For this reason, there must be a regulation that regulates the work basis for the two agencies.

Articles 21 to 28.

Self-explanatory.