



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

ACTING 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 National Unity based on Pancasila shall absolutely be raised and fostered in all aspects of life as a guarantee to achieve the ideals of the Indonesian National Revolution based on Pancasila, namely a fair and prosperous society structure, and therefore the Veterans of Fighters and Defenders of the independence of the Republic of Indonesia as an element of struggle needs to be gathered in one mass organization which is the Work Group of Veterans;
  3. That for the purposes stated in points 1 and 2 above, the provisions contained in the Veterans Law No. 15 of 1965 (State Gazette Year 1965 No. 76) needs to be improved in accordance with the direction and development of the state administration of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia, as well as to complete the Indonesian National Revolution in creating 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 15, Article 20 paragraph 1, Article 27, 28, 29 and 30 of the 1945 Constitution;
  - b. The Fourth M.P.R.S General Assembly Decree of 1966;
  - c. The M.P.R.S Special Session Decree of 1967;

With the approval of the Gotong Royong House of Representatives;

Has decided to:

- I. Revoke Law No. 15 of 1965 (State Gazette Year 1965 No. 76);
- II. Stipulate: Law concerning Veterans 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 mentioned in article 1 do not apply to Veterans if they:

- 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

- (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.



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- (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 groups of people with a revolutionary character and Pancasila spirit and have fought in official armed units or paramilitary units recognized by the Government in maintaining and defending the State of the Proclamation of 17 August 1945, and therefore shall be required to continue the struggle to secure and practice Pancasila and fight against all isms in any forms that are contrary to Pancasila, towards the implementation of the Mandate of the Suffering of the People.
- (2) Veterans of the Republic of Indonesia shall be groups of people who have fought in official armed units or paramilitary units recognized by the Government and, therefore, shall be required to strive to make themselves active in implementing people's defense and the National Development Program.

CHAPTER III

RIGHTS OF VETERANS 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.



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- (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.
- (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 for pension calculation.
- (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



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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.

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 Direction of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia.

Article 14

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

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.



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Its implementation shall be regulated in the Articles of Association and Bylaws in accordance with Article 18 paragraph 2.

Article 16

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 and the 1945 Constitution.

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 veterans affairs management.

Article 18

- (1) By a Presidential Decree, a Veteran mass organization called the Veteran Legion of the Republic of Indonesia shall be formed as the only Veteran mass gathering organization.
- (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, assistance 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 of all sectors.



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CHAPTER VI

CRIMINAL PROVISIONS

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. 15 of 1965, State Gazette Year 1965 No. 76) which were implemented upon the entry of this Law into effect shall remain in effect as long as there are no substitute provisions based on this Law.



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Article 27

All implementing regulations are based on Law no. 15 of 1965 (State Gazette Year 1965 No. 76) 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 7 August 1967

The Acting President of the Republic of  
Indonesia,

signed

SOEHARTO, The General of TNI

Promulgated in Jakarta

at 7 August 1967

Ampera Cabinet Presidium

signed

SUDHARMONO S.H.





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Brig.Gen. of T.N.I.

STATE GAZETTE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA YEAR 1967 NUMBER 17



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EXPLANATION OF  
LAW NO. 15 OF 1965  
CONCERNING  
VETERANS OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

I. GENERAL

1. The Government and people of Indonesia sincerely appreciate and respect their sons who, during the period of struggle and the period of defense of the independence of the Republic of Indonesia, have struggled to take up arms to defend the independence and freedom of their homeland under the banner of the struggle against all isms in all forms of manifestation anything that is in contrary with Pancasila.
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 as noble mandate as our philosophy of life, namely Pancasila.
  - b. Our experience of struggle and revolution showed the objective necessity of having National Unity and Unitary based on Pancasila, to realize the ideals of the Indonesian National Revolution as expressed and implied in the Preamble to the 1945 Constitution of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia.
- 3 One aspect of the Government's effort to revoke the Veterans Law no. 75 of 1957 and replacing it with the new Veterans Law is intended to reaffirm that the Veterans issues are essentially issues of struggle, issues of the revolution which is still going on and therefore it is united with the increasing demands of the Revolution, united with romance, the dynamics and dialectics of the Revolution.
4. In order 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. Managers of Marks/Satya Badges of State Awards.
  - d. Recognition of Warakawuri (Widow Veteran) and Veteran Orphans.



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- e. Provision of allowances, medical care and social security efforts, education and others.
- f. Mobilization of Veterans in all fields.
- g. Organizing the Veteran masses into the Veteran Legion of the Republic of Indonesia, and
- h. The arrangement of other bodies for the implementation of this Law is submitted to the Minister concerned with the management of Veterans..

## II. ARTICLE BY ARTICLE

### Article 1.

Based on the definition of emancipation, the definition of Veteran is applied both to men and women who struggle hand in hand.

### 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.

The provisions as referred to in article 3 sub a and b are political sanctions imposed on Veterans of the Republic of Indonesia who politically and ideologically deny the Veteran Doctrine of the Republic of Indonesia in particular and Pancasila and U.U.D. 45 in general. Veterans who are sentenced to imprisonment of more than one year based on the decision of the Court of the Republic of Indonesia, due to minor criminal acts, their rights can be rehabilitated as Veterans of the Republic of Indonesia with a Presidential Decree based on the consideration submitted by the Minister of Veterans and Demobilization.

### Article 4, paragraph 3.

The service in question is service in an event that occurs before and after the person concerned obtains a Veteran honorary signs. The Legion of Veterans of the Republic of Indonesia can propose its members to obtain an honorary star/service star based on article 4 paragraph (3).

### Article 5.



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What is meant by community groups are groups of former armed combatants who have characteristics that only occurred during the physical revolution in Indonesia.

Article 6.

In accordance with what is stated in the explanation of article 2, the levels of granting honorary marks are regulated by a Government Regulation.

Article 7.

Self-explanatory.

Article 8.

For a veteran of fighter for independence of the Republic of Indonesia who served during the physical revolution who became a civil servant, his service period during that time is calculated to be twice of the work period calculated for determining salary, as long as he or she did not lose his or her rights as a civil servant.

In contrast to the intention and content of article 7 of Law no. 75 of 1957 - State Gazette Year 1957 No. 162 which acknowledge the service period calculated as two times of service period for pension calculations (which have been replaced by Law No. 15 of 1965 - State Gazette Year 1965 No. 76), changes are made to the service period of Veterans of Fighters for the Independence of the Republic of Indonesia, namely in the form of recognition with a calculation of two times of the service period as a full service period in order to determine the salary as a civil servant, with the intention that there is a real appreciation for the real service period.

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

Self-explanatory.

Article 15.

A Veteran who meets the requirements stipulated in Article 1 which was previously regulated in the special regulations regarding Veteran recognition and obtaining his or her identification must feel obliged to become a member of the Veterans Legion.

Article 16.

Self-explanatory.



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Article 17.

Governmental and non-governmental special agencies have the main task of fostering national unity and unitary based on Pancasila in all aspects of life and fields of struggle, including among the veterans. And therefore the Veteran mass must be assembled and fostered as a multi-purpose Social Force for the tasks of the State and the Indonesian National Revolution based on Pancasila, which is also a Reserve force in the field of Defense/Security.

Article 18.

See general explanation of number 2.

Article 19.

Veteran of the Republic of Indonesia who suffer from bodily and/or spiritual disabilities either due to armed duties or due to other state duties, in connection to their normal life to be assisted, shall be provided with assistance by the Government. This also applies to warakawuri and or orphaned children whose husbands and/or parents who are veterans of the Republic of Indonesia were killed in service or died either due to armed duty or due to other state duties.

Article 20.

In providing support, assistance and guidance to the Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia, it is necessary for the government to prepare a Regulation on the basis of cooperation between the Government and the Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia, to avoid dualism or contradiction between the two bodies.

Articles 21 to 28.

Self-explanatory.