

**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE**

**NATIONAL PARLIAMENT**

**LAW no. 01/2007**

**Monthly Life Pension and Other Privileges for Former Members of Parliament**

The statutes of members of parliament approved by law n.5/2004 of 5 May provides in its Article 22 that the monthly life pension to be granted to current representatives who have been full members of the National Parliament during their term of office shall be regulated by a separate law to be prepared and approved subsequently.

Since the current parliament is coming to a close, there is need to comply with the provisions of the above-mentioned law.

Under the terms of Article 92 and Article 95(2)(j) of the Constitution of the Republic, the National Parliament enacts the following instrument with the force of law:

**Article 1**

**Monthly life pension**

1. A former member of parliament shall, subject to submission of a request to the Speaker of Parliament, be entitled to a monthly life pension equivalent to 100% of his or her salary provided that he or she has been a full member at least during 42 consecutive or alternate months.
2. For the purposes of computing time of tenure, the duration of the term of office of a representative to the constituent assembly shall be taken into consideration.
3. Per diems and other benefits attached to a term of office shall not be taken into consideration.

**Article 2**

**Transfer of entitlement to pension**

In case of death of a beneficiary of the monthly life pension granted by operation of Article 1, the amount involved shall be transferred to the surviving spouse, or to under-age or incapacitated children, or to dependent progenitors.

### **Article 3**

#### **Suspension of pension**

1. The monthly life pension shall be immediately suspended whenever its beneficiary takes up any of following positions:
  - a) President of the Republic;
  - b) Government Member;
  - c) Member of Parliament;
  - d) Court Judge;
  - e) Public Prosecutor;
  - f) Provedor (Ombudsman) for Human Rights and Justice;
  - g) Ambassador;
  - h) Public Manager or Head of a Public Institute.
  
2. The monthly life pension shall also be suspended whenever its beneficiary assumes public office whose remuneration is equal to or higher than the amount of the pension earned.

### **Article 4**

#### **Other privileges**

A former member of the National Parliament who is entitled to a monthly life pension shall be granted the following privileges:

- a) Medical care in the country and, whenever deemed necessary, abroad, in which case prior medical recommendation shall be required;
- b) Import of a private motor-vehicle for personal use without payment of customs duties and other tax charges imposed on imports;
- c) Import of all the equipment needed for the building of a private home with exemption from customs duties and other tax charges imposed on imports;
- d) Free movement and diplomatic passport, including for spouse and dependent children, for trips inside the country and abroad;
- e) An identity card for former a member of the National Parliament.

### **Article 5**

#### **Reintegration allowance**

1. A member of parliament who has held office for a period exceeding 6 months but for less than 42 months shall be entitled to a reintegration allowance equivalent to 100% of one year's salary.

2. Entitlement to reintegration allowance shall become effective on the day immediately following the one on which term of office has come to an end.

### **Article 6**

#### **Updating**

The updating of pensions and reintegration allowances shall be made according to increments provided for in the general regime applying to office holders of sovereignty organs.

### **Article 7**

#### **Entry into force**

This law shall enter into force on the day following its publication.

Passed on 30 November 2006.

The Speaker of the National Parliament

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Promulgated on 23 December 2006.

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