

(Unofficial Translation)

The Royal Decree on Remuneration and Benefits of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, President and Vice-President of the Senate, Leader of Opposition in the House of Representatives, Members of the House of Representatives, the Senators, and Members of the Committee, B.E. 2555 (2012)

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BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, REX.

Given on the 5th Day of June, B.E. 2555;

Being the 67<sup>th</sup> Year of the Present Reign.

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej is graciously pleased to proclaim that:

Whereas it is expedient to revise the Royal Decree on Remuneration and Benefits of the Senators, Members of the House of Representatives and Members of the Committee;

By virtue of section 187 together with section 196 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand, a Royal Decree is hereby enacted, as follows:

**Section 1.** This Royal Decree is called the "Royal Decree on Remuneration and Benefits of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President and Vice-President of the Senate, Leader of Opposition in the House of Representatives, Members of the House of Representatives, the Senators, and Members of the Committee, B.E. 2555 (2012)".

**Section 2.** This Royal Decree shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette, except section 15 shall come into force with effect on 1<sup>st</sup> October B.E. 2555 (2012) onwards.

**Section 3.** The following shall be repealed:

(1) The Royal Decree on Remuneration and Benefits of the Senators, Members of the House of Representatives, and Members of the Committee, B.E. 2535 (1992);

(2) The Royal Decree on Remuneration and Benefits of the Senators, Members of the House of Representatives, and Members of the Committee, (No.2) B.E. 2538 (1995);

(3) The Royal Decree on Remuneration and Benefits of the Senators, Members of the House of Representatives, and Members of the Committee (No.3) B.E. 2540 (1997);

(4) The Royal Decree on Remuneration and Benefits of Senators, Members of the House of Representatives, and Members of the Committee (No.4) B.E. 2541 (1998);

(5) The Royal Decree on Remuneration and Benefits of the Senators, Members of the House of Representatives, and Members of the Committee (No.5) B.E. 2543 (2000);

(6) The Royal Decree on Remuneration and Benefits of the Senators, Members of the House of Representatives, and Members of the Committee (No.6) B.E. 2547 (2004);

(7) The Royal Decree on Remuneration and Benefits of the Senators, Members of the House of Representatives, and Members of the Committee (No.7) B.E. 2548 (2005);

(8) The Royal Decree on Remuneration and Benefits of the Senators, Members of the House of Representatives, and Members of the Committee (No.8) B.E. 2554 (2011).

**Section 4.** In this Decree:

“Medical Treatment Expense” means a compensation for expenses paid for annual medical check-up, emergency medical treatment and medical treatment in hospitals.

**Section 5.** Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, President and Vice-President of the Senate, Leader of Opposition in the House of Representatives, Members of the House of Representatives, and the Senators shall receive remuneration and monthly additional allowances under the Schedule of Remuneration and Additional Allowances of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President and Vice-President of the Senate, Leader of Opposition in the House of Representatives, and Members of the House of Representatives and Senators annexed to this Royal Decree upon the date of taking office.

Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, President and Vice-President of the Senate, and Leader of Opposition in the House of Representatives who have received the remuneration thereof, are not entitled to receive the remuneration and additional allowances for such position of Members of the House of Representatives or Senators as the case maybe.

Member of the House of Representatives, being a Minister, who has received the salary and remuneration thereof is not entitled to receive such remuneration and additional allowances for the position of Member of the House of Representatives.

**Section 6.** In the case where membership of the senators vacates, President and Vice-President of the Senate shall continue to receive the remuneration and monthly additional allowances under the Schedule of Remuneration and Additional Allowances of Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, President and Vice-President of the Senate, Leader of Opposition in the House of Representatives, Members of the House of Representatives, and Senators annexed to this Royal Decree until the date prior to an election of the new President and Vice-President of the Senate.

Senators who vacate office at the expiration of term and continue to serve in office are entitled to receive the remuneration and additional allowances under the Schedule of Remuneration and Additional Allowances of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President and Vice-President of the Senate, Leader of Opposition in the House of Representatives, Members of the House of Representatives, and Senators annexed to this Royal Decree until the date prior to new Senators being obtained, and are entitled to the allowances for the journeys performed for attending a Senate session or meeting of a Parliamentary Committee under the Royal Decree on Allowances for Official Travel.

**Section 7.** Members of the House of Representatives and Senators who ordinarily reside outside a province where a Parliament is located shall be entitled to receive travelling expenses from his usual place of residence to the province where a Parliament is located, in particular, for the first time to take office according to the Constitution.

Upon their termination of membership, those members whose ordinary residence is outside the province where a Parliament is located shall be entitled to receive those allowances for the return journey from such place to his usual place of residence.

The Royal Decree on Allowances for Official Travel shall be applicable *mutatis mutandis* to such allowances under this section, and those members shall have the right to receive the same travel allowances as higher-level executive position holders, namely Heads of government agencies at ministerial levels.

**Section 8.** Upon taking office according to the Constitution, Members of the House of Representatives and Senators, the Secretariat of the House of Representatives and the Secretariat of the Senate shall prepare the allowances claims on rail, road, and air transportation for the purpose of travelling to perform their duties as members.

Such transportation allowances claim shall be paid to his assistant at the same class.

**Section 9.** For attending a session of a House of Parliament, the House of Representatives, the Senate or a meeting of a Committee, the Members of the House of Representatives and Senators, who travel by his/her private vehicle, shall be entitled to receive compensation as travelling allowances in the case of not using transportation claim under section 8 at the rate as prescribed by Ministry of Finance for the government agencies under the following rules:

(1) There shall be paid to each member in respect of every journey performed by him/her from his/her usual place of residence to the province where the Parliament is located, and shall receive compensation as transportation allowances from such place where the journey is performed and initially informed by a member to the Secretariats, and the Agencies made calculation based on the fastest and shortest route by of Highway Department or Rural Highway Department to be reimbursed for travelling allowances as the case may be;

(2) Where the journey is performed from a usual place of residence to a place of allowances claim by rail, road and air transportation and also from such place for travelling to a Parliament, the provisions pursuant to (1) regarding receipt of such compensation as travelling allowances shall be applicable *mutatis mutandis*;

Where a return journey from such place is performed after a session of a Parliament, the House of Representatives, the Senate or a meeting of a Committee, the provisions under section 1 regarding receipt of such compensation as travelling allowances shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

**Section 10.** Members of the Committee of the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Parliament and joint committee of both Houses being of necessity for travelling outside a province where a Parliament is located for the purpose of performing duties according to resolution of a Committee, shall receive allowances for attending to his/her duties, and shall have the right to receive the same level allowances as higher-level executive position holders, namely Heads of government agencies at ministerial levels.

**Section 11.** For attending a meeting of a Committee, the Committee of the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Parliament and Joint-Committee of both Houses, neither being members of the House of Representatives nor the Senate, who reside outside the province where the meeting is to be held, shall be paid in respect of every journey performed by him/her from his usual place of residence to such place, and upon completion of each meeting shall receive compensation for the return journey from such place to his/her usual place of residence, and the Royal Decree on Allowances for Official Travel shall be applicable *mutatis mutandis*.

**Section 12.** The Royal Decree on Allowances for Official Travel in respect of temporary official going abroad shall be applicable *mutatis mutandis* to such travel of Members of the House of Representatives and Senators, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall have the right to receive the same

level allowances as the Prime Minister, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Vice-President of the Senate and Leader of Opposition in the House of Representatives shall have the right to receive the same level allowances as Deputy Prime Minister, Members of the House of Representatives and Senators shall have the right to receive the same level allowances as higher-level executive position holders, namely Heads of government agencies at ministerial levels.

The temporary official going abroad that is entitled to such allowances under paragraph 1 shall be approved in letter by President of Parliament, Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate as the case may be.

**Section 13.** Member of Committee of the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Parliament and Joint-Committee of both Houses shall receive each meeting allowances, in particular for attending meeting at the rate of eight hundred Baht.

Member of Sub-Committee of the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Parliament and Joint-Committee of both Houses shall receive meeting allowances for each time, in particular, during any period of attending the meeting at the rate of eight hundred Baht.

Such Member of Committee under paragraph 1 and Sub-Committee under paragraph 2 shall be entitled to receive once a meeting daily allowance for each day, except for attending meetings of the other Committee or Sub-Committee at the same day by receiving such two allowances per day.

**Section 14.** An assistant secretary of the Committee considering draft Bills of the House of Representatives, the Senate and the Parliament, being appointed from ordinary parliamentary officials under the Rules of Procedure of the House of Representatives shall be entitled to receive each meeting allowances, in particular for attending the meeting at the rate of one thousand Baht.

The assistant secretary under paragraph 1 shall receive once meeting daily allowances per day.

**Section 15.** The following members of the House of Representatives and Senators shall be entitled to receive healthcare expenses at the rates of actual payment during the whole term of his office not exceeding the rates as prescribed in an Allowance Schedule annexed to this Royal Decree:

(1) such members who are neither entitled to receive medical treatment expenses according to the Royal Decree on Medical Aid Allowance nor medical aid fund from other agencies both public and private agencies;

(2) such members who are neither entitled to receive medical treatment expenses according to the Royal Decree on Medical Aid Allowance nor medical aid fund from other agencies both public and private agencies, and submitted to the Secretariat of the House of Representatives and the Senate evidence for not receiving that amount of aid allowance during the whole term of his office;

The evidence for reimbursement, payment and for allowance payment thereof, including in case where the evidence thereof was lost shall be in compliance with the official rules thereto, and the receipt of medical treatment allowance shall be reimbursed within one year from the date of the issue of that receipt.

**Section 16.** Members of the House of Representatives and Senators, who take office under the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand prior to the enforcement date of this Decree, shall be entitled to receive remuneration and monthly additional allowance according to the Schedule of Remuneration and Monthly Additional Allowance of Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, President and Vice-President of the Senate, Leader of Opposition in the House of Representatives, Members of the House of Representatives and Senators annexed to this Royal Decree from the date of enforcement of this Royal Decree.

**Section 17.** Members of the House of Representatives and Senators, who are entitled to group health insurance during the whole term of his/her office according to the Rule of Ministry of Finance on Reimbursement of Healthcare Insurance Allowance of Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, B.E. 2540 (1997) and its amendments prior to the effective date of this Royal Decree, shall continue to receive his group healthcare insurance until such insurance terminates under its policy;

In case where membership of the members terminates prior to completion date of such policy, entitlement to group insurance policy of those members shall terminate.

**Section 18.** The Prime Minister shall be in charge of this Royal Decree.

Countersigned by:  
Yingluck Shinawatra,  
Prime Minister

The Schedule of Remuneration and Additional Allowances of  
the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President and  
Vice-President of the Senate, Leader of Opposition in the House of Representatives,  
and Members of the House of Representatives and Senators

| Position  | Remuneration<br>(Baht/Month) | Additional Allowances<br>(Baht/Month) |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Speaker of the House of Representatives                 | 75,590                       | 50,000                                |
| President of the Senate                                 | 74,420                       | 45,500                                |
| Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives          | 73,240                       | 42,500                                |
| Vice-President of the Senate                            | 73,240                       | 42,500                                |
| Leader of Opposition in the House of<br>Representatives | 73,240                       | 42,500                                |
| Members of the House of Representatives                 | 71,230                       | 42,330                                |
| Senators  | 71,230                       | 42,330                                |

The Schedule of Fringe Benefits for Medical Treatment of Members of  
the House of Representatives and Senators

| Details of Medical Expenses                               | Total Amount not Exceeding | Unit : Baht<br>Remarks   |
|---|----------------------------|--|
| 1. Medical treatment at both public and private hospitals |                            |  |
| 1.1 Inpatient Treatment Expenses:                         |                            |  |
| 1.1.1 Room and Meal /Day (not exceeding 31 days/time);    | 4,000                      | -including medical services expenses   |
| ICU/CCU Room/Day (maximum 7 days/time)                    | 10,000                     | -not including operation expenses  |
| 1.1.2 General Medical Treatment/time;                     | 100,000                    |  |
| Emergency Vehicle   | 1,000                      | -this amount refers to the   |
| 1.1.3 Surgeon/Time  | 120,000                    | expenses incurred by operating room, namely, surgeon, anesthetist, medical appliances, anesthesia machine, and laparoscopic surgery etc. |
| 1.1.4 Patient Visiting/Day (not exceeding 31 days/time)   | 1,000                      |  |
| 1.1.5 Medical Specialist Consultation/time                | 4,000                      |  |
| 1.1.6 Delivery  |                            |  |
| (1) natural method  | 20,000                     |  |
| (2) operating method                                      | 40,000                     |  |
| 1.1.7 Dental Treatment/year                               | 5,000                      |  |
| 1.2 Outpatient Treatment                                  |                            |  |
| -General Treatment/year;                                  | 90,000                     |  |
| -Accident, Emergency/time                                 | 20,000                     | -including the treatment within 15 days, not including such general expenses   |
| 2. Annual Medical Check-Up                                | 7,000                      |  |



**Remarks :** The reason for the promulgation of this Act is as follows: whereas the Royal Decree on Remuneration and Benefits of Members of the House of Representatives, the Senators and Members of the Committee, B.E 2535 (1992) has already been in force for a long time resulting in certain provisions which are inconsistent with section 196 of the Constitution It is expedient to revise such law by prescribing that the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President and Vice-President of the Senate, Leader of Opposition in the House of Representatives, Members of the House of Representatives and Senators shall be entitled to receive remuneration and monthly additional allowance (from the date of his term of office begins) and also entitlements of those persons to receive other fringe benefits regarding meeting allowances, medical treatment and travel compensation for individual transportation to respond to the development and changes in economic status and costs of living. It is, therefore, necessary to enact this Royal Decree.