WAR VETERANS ORGANIZATION ACT (NO. 2),

B.E. 2560 (2017)

HIS MAJESTY KING MAHA VAJIRALONGKORN BODINDRADEBAYAVARANGKUN;

Given on the 2nd day of February, B.E. 2560;

Being the 2nd year of the Present Reign.

His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun is graciously pleased to proclaim that:

Whereas it is expedient to amend the law on War Veterans Organization,

Be it, therefore, enacted by the King, by and with the advice and consent of the National Legislative Assembly, as follows:

Section 1. This Act is called the "War Veterans Organization Act (NO. 2), B.E. 2560 (2017)"

Section 2. This Act shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Section 3. The provisions of section 14 of the War Veterans Organization Act, B.E. 2510 (1967) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

"**Section 14.** The War Veterans Council shall be set up, consisting of

(1) the Minister of Defence as the President;

(2) the Deputy Minister of Defence as the first Vice-President;

(3) the Permanent Secretary for Defence as the second Vice-President;

(4) the Director as the third Vice-President;

(5) the Deputy-Director as councillor ex-officio;

(6) other councillors appointed by the Minister with the approval of the Defence Council, six from in service veterans and nine from ex-service veterans.

In the case of more than one Deputy Minister of Defence, the Minister shall appoint one of the Deputy Ministers of Defence as the first Vice-President.

In the case of none of the Deputy Minister of Defence under (2), it shall be appointed the Permanent Secretary for Defence as the first Vice-President and the Director as the second Vice-President

The Secretary of the WVO. Is ex-officio Secretary-General of the War Veterans Council."

Section 4. The provisions of section 21 of the War Veterans Organization Act, B.E. 2510 (1967) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

"**Section 21.** The meeting shall be presided by the President of the War Veterans Council. If the President is absent from the meeting or is unable to perform his duties, it shall be presided by the first Vice-President of the War Veterans Council. If the first Vice-President is absent or is unable to perform his duties, it shall be presided by the second Vice-President of the War Veterans Council. If the second Vice-President is absent from the meeting or is unable to perform his duties, it shall be presided by the third Vice-President of the War Veterans Council. If the third Vice-President is also absent from the meeting or is unable to perform his duties, the meeting shall select one of its councillors to preside over the meeting."

Section 5. The following provisions shall be added as section 28/1 of the War Veterans Organization Act, B.E. 2510 (1967):

"**Section 28/1.** The Director shall appoint one of the officers as the Secretary of the WVO. in accordance with the Regulations of the War Veterans Council."

Section 6. The President, the Vice-Presidents, councillors and ex-officio Secretary-General of the War Veterans Council in conformity with the War Veterans Organization Act, B.E. 2510 (1967) who take a post before the coming into force of this Act shall continue to perform their duties until the War Veterans Council in accordance with the War Veterans Organization Act, B.E. 2510 (1967) as amended by this Act.

Section 7. The Minister of Defence shall have charge and control of the execution of this Act.

Countersigned by:
General Prayut Chan-o-cha
Prime Minister

Remark: The reasons for promulgation of this act are as follow: Whereas the War Veterans Organization Act, B.E. 2510 (1967) has already been in force for a long time resulting in certain provisions being inconsistent with current circumstances, it is, therefore, expedient to revise such law by revising certain provisions concerning components of War Veterans Council and the President acting at the meeting of the Council in order to provide convenience on duties, and sources of the position of the War Veterans Organization of Thailand to make clear and connect to the performance of Secretary-General of the Council. It is, therefore, necessary to enact this Act.