

I assent.

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**MARIE-LOUISE  
COLEIRO PRECA  
President**

12th August, 2016

**ACT No. XLVI of 2016**

*AN ACT to amend the Malta Armed Forces Act, Cap. 220.*

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. (1) The short title of this Act is the Malta Armed Forces (Amendment) Act, 2016, and this Act shall be read and construed as one with the Malta Armed Forces Act, hereinafter in this Act referred to as "the principal Act".

Short title and  
commencement.  
Cap. 220.

(2) This Act shall come into force on such a date as the Minister responsible for defence may by notice in the Gazette establish, and different dates may be so established for different provisions or different purposes of this Act.

2. Immediately after sub-article (4) of article 4 of the principal Act, there shall be added the following new sub-article:

Amendment of  
article 4 of the  
principal Act.

"(5) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this article, in so far as the granting of pensions is concerned:

(a) any regulations made under this article may have retrospective effect in order to confer a benefit upon, or remove a disability attaching to any person or class of persons;

(b) no regulation made under this article shall have effect unless it has received the prior approval of the House of Representatives signified by resolution; and

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(c) any pension granted under this Act shall be computed in accordance with the provisions in force at the actual date of the officer's retirement."

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Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 422 of the 25th July, 2016.

ANĠLU FARRUGIA  
*Speaker*

RAYMOND SCICLUNA  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives*

