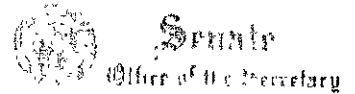



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution, specifically under Section 10, Article II thereof, provides: "The State shall promote social justice in all phases of national development."

In line with this principle, it is imperative to address the pressing needs of our country's retirees by adjusting their pension rates in order to help them cope up with the spiraling cost of living.

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 8282, or the Social Security Act of 1997, specifically in Section 12 (b) thereof.

This legislative measure proposes to: (1) raise the minimum monthly pension to P3,000, and (2) annual increase of P500 until the minimum of P5,000 a month is reached.

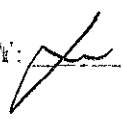
The new monthly pension rates as proposed in this bill shall be applicable to all Social Security System members regardless of the effectivity of their retirement.

Approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**INCREASING PENSIONS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM**  
**AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY**  
**ACT OF 1997**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 12 of Republic Act No. 1161, as amended by Republic Act No. 8282, otherwise known, as the Social Security Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**"SECTION 12. *Monthly Pension.*** – (a) The monthly pension shall be the sum of the following:

(i) Three hundred pesos (₱300.00); plus

(ii) Twenty percent (20%) of the average monthly salary credit; plus

(iii) Two percent (2%) of the average monthly salary credit for each credited year of service in excess of ten (10) years; or

(2) Forty percent (40%) of the average monthly salary credit; or

(3) One thousand pesos (₱1,000.00): *Provided, That* the monthly pension shall in no case be paid for an aggregate amount of less than sixty (60) months.

"(b) Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the minimum **MONTHLY** pension shall be [One thousand two hundred pesos (₱1,200.00) for members with at least ten (10) credited years of service and Two thousand four hundred pesos (₱2,400.00) for those with twenty (20) credited years of service] **THREE**

THOUSAND PESOS (₱3,000.00) IN THE SUCCEEDING YEARS STARTING JANUARY 2012. THE THREE THOUSAND MONTHLY PENSION BENEFIT SHALL BE INCREASED ANNUALLY BY FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (₱500.00) PER MONTH UNTIL THE MINIMUM MONTHLY PENSION SHALL REACH FIVE THOUSAND (₱5,000.00) PER MONTH. THE COMMISSION SHALL EQUITABLY ADJUST THE MONTHLY PENSIONS OF OTHER ENTITLED MEMBERS OR BENEFICIARIES WHOSE MONTHLY PENSIONS ARE HIGHER THAN THE MINIMUM MONTHLY PENSION TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF THE PENSION PROGRAM."

**SECTION 2. THE NEW MONTHLY PENSION AND ITS ANNUAL INCREMENT PROVIDED HEREIN SHALL APPLY TO ALL BENEFICIARIES REGARDLESS OF THE EFFECTIVITY OF THEIR RETIREMENT.**

**SECTION 3. Separability Clause-** If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. Repealing Clause.**—All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 5. Effectivity.**— This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette, whichever comes first.

Approved.