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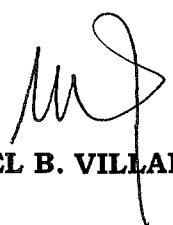
EXPLANATORY NOTE

As the conduits of knowledge, teachers play a pivotal role in the formation of a society composed of educated and promising individuals.

Consistent with the State policy to allocate highest budgetary priority to education and to ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction, this measure proposes to grant our public school teachers with additional insurance benefits.

To rectify the insufficient insurance benefits provided for by the Government Service Insurance System, this bill seeks to provide death benefits, burial expenses and reimbursement of actual medical expenses for public school teachers.

As an incentive for the hard work of our teachers, urgent passage of this bill is fervently sought.



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AN ACT
GRANTING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO ALL PUBLIC
SCHOOL TEACHERS, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ITS
PREMIUMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the " Teachers' Additional Insurance Act."

SECTION 2: *Additional Insurance Benefits for Teachers.* - In addition to the insurance benefits given to teachers by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) under Presidential Decree No. 1146, as amended, a term insurance coverage to all public school teachers providing for the following benefits shall be granted:

- (a) Death benefits of two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00) to all teachers who are in the active service;
- (b) Burial expenses of fifty thousand pesos (50,000.00) to all teachers who are in the active service; and
- (c) Reimbursement of actual medical expenses of all teachers whether retired or in the active service but not to exceed one hundred thousand pesos (P 100,000.00).

SECTION 3. *Disqualification from Benefits.* - No benefits shall be given to any teacher or his beneficiaries when the injury, sickness or death was occasioned or caused by any of the following:

- (a) His habitual drunkenness or intoxication;
- (b) His willful intention to injure or kill himself; or
- (c) His unauthorized absence or abandonment of office for at least one (1) week prior to his death or injury.

SECTION 4. *Actuarial Study.* - The GSIS shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, conduct an actuarial study to determine the premiums to be paid corresponding to the benefits to be received by the public school teachers in accordance with the schedule provided for in Section 2.

SECTION 5. *Appropriation.* - The National Government shall appropriate annually and include in the General Appropriations Act an amount corresponding to the total annual insurance premiums for the public school teachers based on the actuarial study under Section 4 hereof.

SECTION 6. *Rules and Regulations.* - The GSIS, in coordination with the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.*- If any provision or section of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such portions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity.*- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,