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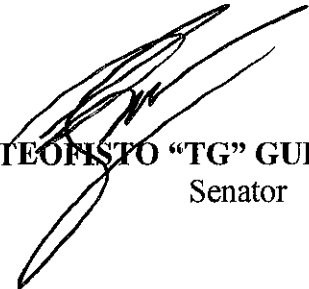
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Office of the Ombudsman is the people's ultimate vanguard against graft and corruption, and illegal, unjust, improper or inefficient acts or omissions in government. It is the premier government institution that has the essential duty to uphold responsibility, integrity, loyalty and efficiency in government.

Considering the critical nature of its mandate, the Office of the Ombudsman should be able to entice only the best and the brightest to join the force. One way of doing this is to increase the benefits of its employees.

This bill, therefore, proposes the grant of benefits and gratuities, aside from salaries, to the prosecution, investigation, legal and administrative staff of the Office of the Ombudsman.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this measure is strongly recommended.


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

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2 **SECTION 1.** Section 6 of R.A. No. 6770 is hereby amended to read
3 as follows:
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5 "SEC. 6. *Rank, [and] Salary AND BENEFITS*— The
6 Ombudsman and his Deputies shall have the same ranks,
7 salaries and privileges as the Chairman and members,
8 respectively, of a Constitutional Commission. Their salaries
9 shall not be decreased during their term of office.
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11 The members of the prosecution, investigation, [and]
12 legal **AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF** of the Office of the
13 Ombudsman shall receive salaries **AND BENEFITS**, which
14 shall not be less than those given to comparable positions in
15 any office in the Government.
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17 **UPON SEPARATION FROM GOVERNMENT**
18 **SERVICE, NOT FOR CAUSE, A LAWYER IN THE**
19 **OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, WHO HAS**
20 **RENDERED AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OF**
21 **SERVICE IN THE GOVERNMENT, WITH AT LEAST**
22 **FIVE (5) YEARS CONTINUOUSLY RENDERED IN THE**
23 **OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, SHALL BE**
24 **ENTITLED TO THE SAME RETIREMENT BENEFITS**
25 **AND GRATUITIES ENJOYED BY ANY JUDGE OR**
26 **GOVERNMENT LAWYER WITH THE SAME SALARY**
27 **GRADE. LAWYERS WHO HAVE RENDERED**

1 **SERVICE FOR LESS THAN THE PRESCRIBED**
2 **PERIODS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A PRO-RATED**
3 **COMPUTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE**
4 **GUIDELINES SET BY THE OMBUDSMAN.**
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7 **SECTION 2. *Rules and Regulations.*** — The Ombudsman shall issue,
8 within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the necessary rules and
9 regulations relating to the administrative aspects of the provisions of this Act.
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11 **SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.*** — If for any reason, any section or
12 provision of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other
13 sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to
14 be in full force and effect.
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16 **SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.*** — All laws, decrees, orders or rules
17 and regulations, and other issuances which are inconsistent with the provisions
18 of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
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20 **SECTION 5. *Effectivity.*** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
21 after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.
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23 Approved,
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