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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Bill seeks to upgrade the retirement benefits now found in various retirement laws for Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Justices and for members of the Constitutional Commissions, by adding survivorship benefits for the surviving spouses of retired Justices of said Courts or retired members of the said Commissions equivalent to one-half or 50% of the deceased a retiree's lifetime pension.

Survivorship pension originally was an integral part of the retirement system for the Armed Forces of the Philippines. But this feature has been included in the revised general retirement system for civilian personnel administered by the GSIS by P.D. 1 146 since 1977.

The enactment of this bill into law would be in consonance with the 1987 Constitution provision on the upgrading of retirement benefits (Art. XVI, section 8). It is also in keeping with the public purpose or rationale of the legislative grant of old age retirement pensions to qualified civil servants: To entice capable men/women of proven probity, integrity and independence to enter and remain in the government service, especially in highly sensitive offices, discharging their duties faithfully and efficiently. Liberal retirement benefits would assure them of retirement with relative security after rendering almost a lifetime of public service, when they have lost their vigor or are already old or incapacitated by illness or other disability.

Accordingly, the immediate approval of this bill is recommended.

  
MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR.



SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval and after thirty (30) days following the completion of its due publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.