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## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

H. No. 9087

By Representatives Flores, Hernandez, Sanchez, Veloso, Yap (E.), Rodriguez, Aguinaldo, Nolasco, Fortun, Arenas, Fariñas (R.C.), Vergara, Sakaluran, Loyola, Abueg-Zaldivar, Lagman, Oaminal, Tejada, Tan (A.S.), Atienza, Escudero, Marcoleta, Revilla, Savellano, Singson-Meehan, Agabas, De Venecia, Quimbo, Zarate, Ermita-Buhain, Bautista-Bandigan, Campos, Cua, Cuaresma, Daza, Fariñas I (R.C.), Frasco, Gasataya, Go (E.C.), Gonzaga, Gonzalez, Haresco, Jalosjos, Limkaichong, Momo, Nuñez-Malanyaon, Sagarbarria, Salceda, Suarez (D.), Sy-Alvarado, Vargas, Violago, Zubiri, Albano, Barba, Bascug, Benitez, Bordado, Cabredo, Cari, Dagooc, Dalog, Delos Santos, Dimaporo (A.), Dimaporo (M.K.), Dy (F.), Dy (F.M.C.), Fortuno, Guico, Gullas, Guya, Hofer, Jimenez, Labadlabad, Natividad-Nagaño, Ortega, Tambunting, Tiangco, Ty (D.), Vargas Alfonso, Babasa, Defensor (M.), Eriguel, Gaite, Go (M.), Lacson, Robes, Suansing (E.), Villarica, Romualdez (F.M.), Romualdez (Y.M.) and Nieto, per Committee Report No. 889

## **AN ACT**

GRANTING SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING LEGITIMATE SPOUSE AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF A DECEASED RETIRED MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

**SECTION 1.** In case of death of a retired member of the National Prosecution Service (NPS) or a member thereof who is eligible to retire optionally at the time of death, the surviving legitimate spouse and dependent children of said deceased member shall be entitled to receive all the retirement benefits that the deceased was receiving or entitled to receive.

Members of the NPS shall include all prosecutors in the Office of the Secretary of

Justice, the Regional Prosecution Offices and the offices of the Provincial and City Prosecutors.

As used in this Act, "dependent" refers to a legitimate, illegitimate or legally adopted child who is chiefly dependent on the said deceased member of the NPS if such dependent is not more than twenty-one (21) years of age, unmarried and not gainfully employed, or if such dependent, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support because of any mental or physical defect or condition.

The surviving legitimate spouse shall continue to receive said retirement benefits until such spouse remarries: *Provided*, That the surviving spouse and dependent children shall each equally share the retirement benefits: *Provided*, *further*, That in case the deceased member has no surviving legitimate or dependent children, the parents of the decedent shall receive such retirement benefits.

**SEC. 2.** The amount necessary for the immediate implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 3.** The benefits provided in this Act shall also be granted to the surviving spouse, dependent children, or parents of the member of the NPS who died one (1) year prior to the effectivity of this Act.

**SEC. 4.** Should any provision of this Act be declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in force and effect.

**SEC. 5.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations, memorandum orders, instructions, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,