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Explanatory Note

This Bill seeks to upgrade the retirement benefits now found in various retirement laws for Members of the Constitutional Commissions, and the Ombudsman, by adding survivorship benefits for the surviving legitimate spouse of the said retirees equivalent to the monthly pension of the deceased 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. 1146 since 1977 or more than 18 years ago.

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 urged.

ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV  
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AN ACT

**PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING LEGITIMATE SPOUSE OF A DECEASED RETIRED MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS, OMBUDSMAN AND THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

1        **SECTION 1.** In case of death of a retired Chairman or Commissioner of the Commission  
2        on Audit, the Commission on Elections, the Civil Service Commission, the Ombudsman, and the  
3        Professional Regulation Commission, the surviving legitimate spouse of said deceased retiree  
4        shall be entitled to receive on a monthly basis all the retirement benefits that the said deceased  
5        retiree was receiving at the time of his/her demise under the provisions of applicable retirement  
6        laws then in force. The said surviving legitimate spouse shall continue to receive such retirement  
7        benefits during his/her lifetime or until he/she remarries.

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9        **SEC 2.** Funds for the initial implementation of this Act shall be taken out of the current  
10      appropriations for the retirement benefits of the Chairman and Commissioners of the  
11      Constitutional Commissions, the Ombudsman, and the Professional Regulation Commission.  
12      Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation hereof shall be  
13      included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

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

Approved,