


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

A large number of SSS pensioners have further suffered difficulties owing to the continuing escalation of the cost of living in the country, which is due, in large part, to the downturn of the global economy. The amount that these retirees receive as their monthly pension is rendered sadly inadequate to meet even the barest of their needs.

Under the new Social Security Act, otherwise known as Republic Act No. 8262, SSS members with at least 10 credited years of service are provided a monthly pension of P1,200.00, while those with 20 credited years are given P2,400.00. Those who retired under the old SSS Law, R.A. 1161, are even more hard pressed because their monthly pension pays much less.

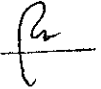
In this light, and in view of the social justice thrust of our Constitution, this bill seeks to treble the current SSS pension rates until no retiree should receive no less than P7,000 a month thus making it more responsive to the basic necessities of SSS pensioners.

Immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
INCREASING PENSIONS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF R.A. 1161, AS AMENDED

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 12 of Republic Act No. 1161, as amended by Republic Act No.
2 8282, otherwise known, as the Social Security Act is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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4 "SEC. 12. *Monthly Pension.* - (a) The monthly pension shall be the highest of the
5 following amounts:

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7 (1) The sum of the following:

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9 (i) Three hundred pesos (P300.00); plus
10 (ii) Twenty percent (20%) of the average monthly salary credit; plus
11 (iii) Two percent (2%) of the average monthly salary credit for each credited year
12 of service in excess of ten (10) years; or

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14 (2) Forty percent (40%) of the average monthly salary credit; or

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16 (3) One thousand pesos (P1,000.00): *Provided*, That the monthly pension shall in
17 no case be paid for an aggregate amount of less than sixty (60) months.

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19 (b) Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the minimum MONTHLY pension
20 shall be [One thousand two hundred pesos (P1,200.00) for members with at least
21 ten (10) credited years of service and Two thousand four hundred pesos
22 (P2,400.00) for those with twenty (20) credited years of service] FOUR
23 THOUSAND PESOS (P4,000.00). THE FOUR THOUSAND PESOS MONTHLY
24 PENSION BENEFIT SHALL BE INCREASED ANNUALLY BY FIVE HUNDRED
25 PESOS (P500.00) PER MONTH UNTIL THE MINIMUM MONTHLY PENSION
26 SHALL REACH SEVEN THOUSAND PESOS (P7,000.00) PER MONTH.

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28 THE COMMISSION SHALL EQUITABLY ADJUST THE MONTHLY PENSIONS
29 OF OTHER ENTITLED MEMBERS OR BENEFICIARIES WHOSE MONTHLY
30 PENSIONS ARE HIGHER THAN THE MINIMUM MONTHLY PENSION TO
31 PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF THE PENSION PROGRAM."

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33 **SEC. 2.** THE NEW MONTHLY PENSION AND ITS ANNUAL INCREMENT PROVIDED
34 HEREIN SHALL APPLY TO ALL BENEFICIARIES REGARDLESS OF THE EFFECTIVITY OF
35 THEIR RETIREMENT.

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37 **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2)
38 national newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

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40 *Approved,*