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**AN ACT**  
**MANDATING A TWO THOUSAND PESO (P2,000.00) ACROSS-THE-BOARD**  
**INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY PENSION WITH CORRESPONDING ADJUSTMENT**  
**OF THE MINIMUM MONTHLY PENSION UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY**  
**SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.**  
**1161 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF**  
**1997**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

It is common knowledge that retired private sector workers receive meager pensions from the Social Security System (SSS) that barely suffice to meet their monthly expenses for food, medicine and other necessities.

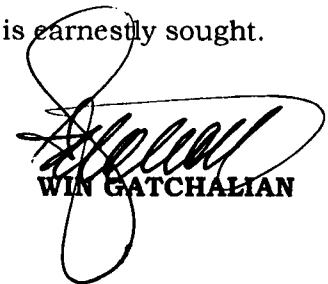
Under Republic Act No. 8262 or the Social Security Act, SSS members who served for 10 years receive a monthly pension of P1,2000 while those members with 20 years of service are given P2,400.00 per month.

These amounts are woefully inadequate to provide our retirees with their basic needs in the face of the inflationary pressures on cost of goods and services. It is high time that we enact a measure to alleviate the plight of our SSS retirees.

This bill seeks to enact into law a two-thousand peso across the board increase in the monthly pension with the corresponding adjustment of the minimum monthly pension under the Social Security System.

This same measure was passed into law by the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress only to be vetoed by President Aquino on the ground that these pension increases will bankrupt the SSS. Fortunately, the current administration of President Duterte has expressed a desire to approve the increases in order to relieve the plight of our SSS retirees. Our retirees deserve this long overdue assistance.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 SECTION 1. Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, the Social  
2 Security Commission is hereby mandated to implement a Two Thousand Peso (Php  
3 2,000.00) across-the-board increase in the monthly pension under the Social Security  
4 System.

5 SEC. 2. **Declaration of Policy.** - Section 12 of Republic Act No. 1161, as  
6 amended by Republic Act No. 1161, as amended by Republic Act No. 8282, is further  
7 amended to read as follows:

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

11 "(1) The sum of the following:

12 "(i) Three hundred pesos (P300.00); plus

13 "(ii) Twenty percent (20%) of the average monthly salary credit, plus

1                   “(iii) Two percent (2%) of the average monthly salary credit for each  
2                   credited year of service in excess of ten (10) years; or

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

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

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8                   “(b) Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the minimum **MONTHLY** pension  
9                   shall be [One thousand two hundred pesos (P1,200.00)] **THREE THOUSAND**  
10                  **TWO HUNDRED PESOS** (P3,200.00) for members with at least ten (10) credited  
11                  years of service and [ Two thousand four hundred pesos (P2,400.00)] **FOUR**  
12                  **THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED PESOS** (P4,400.00) for those with twenty (20)  
13                  credited years of service.

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15                  SEC. 3. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of  
16                  instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation inconsistent with this Act is hereby  
17                  repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

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19                  SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
20                  Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*