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HOUSE BILL NO. 992

Introduced by **HON. JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the monthly pension of retired public school teachers and non-teaching personnel of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS).

Though public school teachers and non-teaching personnel of the DECS painstakingly continue their hard jobs of uplifting and maintaining the quality of education of the future leaders of this country, it is unfortunate that they also continue to receive the lowest monthly pension from the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS).

While they have dedicated themselves in the cause of educating and in the promotion of good quality education for our people at the expense of their youth, the call to uplift their living condition at least in the latter part of their lives have remained unheeded. The current benefits they receive cannot cope with the problems of aging and other primary needs for their daily existence. Thus instead of enjoying their twilight years, they end up growing a lot older and a lot more sick because of the pile of worries on how they will be able to survive for the next day. Still, the retired school teachers and non-teaching personnel of the DECS are more economically disadvantaged than their counterparts in the government service who have benefited from the salary scheme in the government like the Salary Standardization Law and the GSIS's new Retirement Law.

Several measures aimed at alleviating the living condition of the working class were recently enacted. However, increasing the pension rates of the retired school teachers and non-teaching personnel of the DECS was overlooked. Increasing and providing for the automatic adjustment is a commensurate incentive for the devotion and service they have contributed in molding our studentry. Providing them good retirement benefits will equip them for a decent future.

It is therefore high time that measures be taken to alleviate the living condition of the retired public school teachers and non-teaching personnel of the DECS.

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

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE MONTHLY PENSION OF RETIRED PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The monthly pension of retired public school teachers and non-teaching personnel of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports shall be increased by one hundred percent (100%) and each of their beneficiaries by fifty percent (50%).

SEC. 2. The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the State Insurance Fund of the Government Service Insurance System, which shall be augmented each year in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.