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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 1340

Introduced by **Representative Juan Miguel F. Zubiri**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase annually the pension of all retired government officials, employees and workers at a rate equivalent to the increase of the annual national living index.

The government has continuously awarded the services of retired government officials, employees and workers. The monthly pension given to government retirees is a clear indication of the government's concern for the welfare of its civil servants.

While the pension paid then must have been enough to cover the basic needs of the retirees, it is no longer the situation now. The increase in the cost of living brought about by the increases in the prices of commodities is rapidly changing the needs of the people. Currently, it is no longer possible for these retirees to provide for their everyday subsistence if they are to depend on their outdated monthly pension. This situation is demanding an equal increase in the monthly retirement income of the retirees, if the government is to be true to its commitment to provide compensation for the services rendered.

Considering that these retirees, for more than half of their lives, have served for the civil service, it is the moral obligation of the government to continually give credit to them in the best way it can. The government has to bring up to date the amount of pension of retired government workers. It is bound to do so as an act of social justice, an expression of its gratitude and concern for the welfare and well-being of former members of its work force.

In view thereof, support for this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL INCREASE OF THE AMOUNT OF PENSION PAID TO ALL
RETIRED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES BY AT LEAST AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO
THE RATED ANNUAL INCREASE IN THE NATIONAL LIVING INDEX AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. INCREASE AMOUNT OF PENSION. All persons entitled to receive Separation Benefits and Retirement Benefits under Sections 11 - 12 and 13 - 14, respectively of RA 8291 otherwise known as the Government Service Insurance System Act of 1997 shall be granted, automatically every year, an increase of the national cost of living index.

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. All members of the GSIS who are entitled to Separation and Retirement Benefits as contemplated under Section 3 of RA 8291, shall be granted automatically every year an increase in their pension equivalent to the annual rate of increase of the national cost of living index.

SECTION 3. OTHER BENEFITS. The enjoyment of the benefits herein granted shall without prejudice to the enjoyment of any other benefits that may be granted by the government.

SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in coordination with the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), and other appropriate government agency shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION. The pension increase under Section 1 hereof shall be funded from the General Appropriations Act for the succeeding Fiscal Year following the approval of this Act, or from any unappropriated funds in the National Treasury. Such amount as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act in subsequent years shall be included and appropriated in the Annual General Appropriations Act for those years.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in Filipino and English in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.