

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5472

Introduced by Honorable FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the monthly pension of retired government employees by twenty percent and appropriating funds therefore.

Section 8, Article XVI of the Constitution states that "The State shall, from time to time, review to upgrade the pension and other benefits due to retirees of both the government and the private sectors." This provision of the Constitution unequivocally manifests the recognition of the State of the beneficial contribution of the labor force to our economic development. It also highlights the concern of the government for the well-being of employees especially after retirement from the service. Given the dedication and loyalty shown by these employees during their working years in the government, it is but fitting to ensure that they will enjoy financial security and a decent living after retirement.

Over the past several years, however, rising costs have severely affected the peso's buying power, thus making it difficult for the government retirees to meet their basic needs. For instance, a retiree who receives a meager pension of P1,750 a month from the GSIS could not possibly afford to buy medicine, nutritious food and supplements. This is a sad plight that has to be addressed immediately to prove the government's resolve to pursue the aforecited constitutional mandate.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "F. Escudero", written in a cursive style.

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AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY PENSION OF RETIRED
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. The current monthly pension of retired government employees shall be increased by twenty (20%) percent: *Provided*, That the monthly pension shall not exceed ninety (90%) percent of the average monthly compensation.

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

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Social Insurance Fund of the Government Service Insurance System shall set aside such sum as may be necessary for its continued implementation.

SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed as amended accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,