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HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Introduced by Honorable CARMELO F. LAZATIN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The country's justices are considered as the vanguard and protector of our constitution. The role they play in upholding justice and order in our society is indeed indispensable.

However, despite their crucial role in keeping the justice system fair to all and the professionalism they exercise, they are not afforded appreciable security after retirement after having made a noble sacrifice and having devoted the best years of their lives to public service.

Despite the presence of law that provides for retirement benefits for the members of the judiciary, they are unresponsive to the rapidly changing economic condition of the country. The gratuity provided is not commensurate with the valuable service rendered by the Justices of the Supreme Court, Court of appeals and other members of the Judiciary.

Thus, this bill seeks to augment the retirement benefits and improve the retirement condition of the members of the judiciary based on the length of service to the government. Through this, it shall guarantee protection and privilege commensurate to the unmatched dedication and professionalism in the name of public service.

It is about time that the State shall do its best to protect its protectors, so they can be assured of a better living condition after their retirement. Through the provision of such increased retirement benefits, the State shall contribute in empowering not only retired judicial members but also existing judges to encourage much efficient job performance and dedication to public service for the benefit of all.

In view of the foregoing premises, approval of this bill is ardently sought.


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**AN ACT INCREASING THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
JUDICIARY.**

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known and cited as the “Judiciary Members Increased Retirement Benefits Act”.

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the declared policy of the State to ensure that members of the Judiciary are remunerated accordingly and provided with other means of job satisfaction and fulfillment to ensure the efficient delivery of judicial services for the benefit of every Filipino.

SECTION 3. *Enforcement of the Act.* – Towards this end, this Act shall enforce the increase of the retirement benefits of the members of the Judiciary.

SECTION 4. *Coverage.* This Act shall cover only the following retired members of the judiciary who have rendered at least 15 years of service:

- a. Retired members in the judiciary or in any other branch of the government;
- b. Members who were forced to retire upon reaching 70 years of age;
- c. Members who resigned by reason of incapacity to discharge the duties of his office; and
- d. Members who died while in active service.

SECTION 5. *Increase of Retirement Benefits.* All retired members of the judiciary shall receive a pro-rated monthly retirement benefit during their remaining lifetime as computed as follows including unclaimed salaries and benefits:

Half of the total years of service rendered (including remaining months and days) x Monthly salary and allowances

Members who died in active service who have rendered at least 15 years shall receive a ten-year

lump sum retirement benefit as computed as follows:

10 years x Half of the total number of years of service rendered (including remaining months and days) x Monthly salary and allowances

Deceased members who have rendered less than 15 years shall receive a lump-sum retirement benefit computed as follows:

Total no. of years of service rendered (including remaining months and days) x Monthly salary and allowances

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provisions or part hereof, is invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule of regulation contrary to or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,