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EXPLANATORY NOTE

As a state insurance fund, the charter of the Government System Insurance System (GSIS) must clearly define its beneficiaries in a manner that it is inclusive.

Presently, however, gainfully employed dependents who are possible beneficiaries of the benefits of GSIS members are not among those within the ambit of the provision which enumerates the personalities who should receive such benefits.

It should be sufficient that the law defines in general the prospective beneficiaries without distinction. After all, the beneficiaries are those who the members think should receive from them regardless of whether or not they are gainfully employed.

This proposed bill seeks to correct this exclusive provision by amending Section 2, paragraph (b) of R.A. No. 8291.

Support for the enactment of this measure is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT RE-DEFINING DEPENDENTS AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE GOVERNMENT
SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 2 (b) OF R.A. No.
8291 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS *THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE ACT OF 1997*

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 , paragraph (b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 2. *Definition of Terms.* - Unless the context
otherwise indicates, the following terms shall mean:

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(b) legitimate, legitimated, legally adopted child, including
the illegitimate child, who is unmarried, [not gainfully
employed] not over the age of majority, or is over the age of
majority but incapacitated and incapable of self-support due
to mental or physical defect acquired prior to the age of
majority;

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Sec. 2. *Separability Clause.* - Should any provisions of this Act or any part thereof be declared
unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof not affected shall remain in full force and
effect.

Sec. 3. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, issuance, circulars, rules or regulations or parts thereof,
which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at
least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

Approved,