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House Bill No. **4695**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It has been noted by senior citizens who had reached the age of 60 years old who are yet productive that while they had availed of their pension from the Social Security System (SSS) while between the ages 60 and 65 years old, upon their re-employment or having been engaged in lucrative business or activities to enhance their income aside from the pension that they are receiving from the SSS, such also the occasion when the SSS suspends their pension and revert them back as SSS contributors despite that they are already in the status as pensioners and entitled to their pension.

The subject existing law, Sec. 12-B paragraph (c) of the Social Security System Law (R.A. 8282), if not amended, will have an absurd effect of being anti-productive and unfriendly to the retirees-senior citizens when the very purpose of their retirement is to realize and enjoy the harvest of their long years of hardwork and sustained contribution to the SSS, only to be frustrated to acquire their pension or to have their pension suspended because these retirees want to be more productive by finding employment or being engaged in productive or lucrative business activities. Said law if not amended, will obviously discourage productivity and will tend to create dependence of retiree's means of support solely from the SSS. Whereas, if these pensioners are allowed to engage in their productive activities either by employment or business, their extra-income aside from their pension can certainly be a contribution to the economic activity in a larger scale.

As such, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 12-B PARAGRAPH (C) OF THE REPUBLIC ACT 8282
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW

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

SECTION 1. Sec. 12-B paragraph (c) of the Republic Act 8282 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12-B. Retirement Benefit

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“(c) The monthly pension shall **NOT** be suspended upon the reemployment or resumption of self-employment of a retired member who is **AT LEAST 60 YEARS OLD**. He shall **NOT** again be subject to Section Eighteen and his employer to Section Nineteen of this Act.

SEC. 2. All existing laws or parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3 This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,