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House Bill No. 8462



Introduced by **MAGDALO Party-List Representative**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Retirement should be considered a significant milestone in a person's life. It is to be considered the culmination of the years of hard work a person has rendered in service of this country and its people. A successful retirement should entail that retirees enjoy fully the benefits which he/she rightfully deserves, together with their loved ones. With that said, the inability of the government to expeditiously disburse retirement benefits to numerous retirees diminishes retirement to a period of unrest and financial insecurity.

The GSIS and the SSS up to this day lives up to the ignominy of bureaucratic red tape. Retiring members still have to endure the convoluted process of acquiring their retirement benefits--and this process could take years in some reported cases—which ultimately robs retiree's a significant portion of their time to actually enjoy his retirement. What's worse is that there are instances wherein the retiree has faithfully followed the entire process, only for his retirement benefit to be withheld for a clerical error on the SSS/GSIS' part. These are not isolated incidents and are very much representative of the two institution's inefficiency and lack of concern for the interests of their retiring members.

This disappointing trend requires that Congress should finally intervene and hasten the payment of retirement benefits to all GSIS/SSS retiree members. If the aforementioned institutions cannot muster the will to expedite their Kafkaesque internal processes, then we must provide a necessary jolt to their senses and urge them into immediate action.

We must remember that many of our retirees are in their advanced ages or may very well be approaching such point in their lives and so, the slow roll-out of benefits to these people would mean that we are practically depriving them of the chance to spend their remaining years in joy and peace. This representation speaks of this, not as an attempt to be macabre, but to painfully illustrate the injustice of the present situation.

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


Rep. Gary C. Alejano

1 **SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.***—All laws, executive orders, executive issuances, or letters of
2 instructions, or any part thereof, inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act, are
3 hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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5 **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.***—If for any reason, any section or provision of this Act shall
6 be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts thereof not affected shall remain valid.

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8 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity.***—This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at
9 least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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