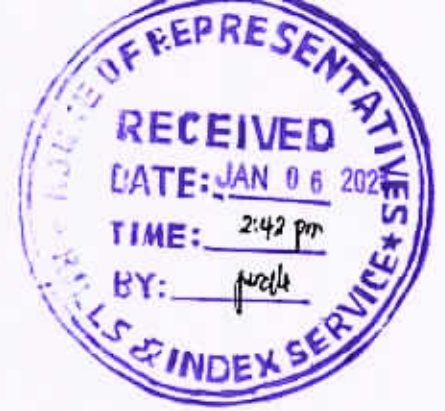


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House Bill No. **8315**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Sec. 4 of Republic Act No 11199, entitled, "An Act Rationalizing and Expanding the Powers and Duties of the Social Security Commission to Ensure the Long-Term Viability of the Social Security System, Repealing for the Purpose Republic Act No. 1161, as Amended by Republic Act No. 8282, Otherwise Known as the "Social Security Act Of 1997," as a necessary measure to effect the suspension of the Social Security System's contribution rate hike for 2021.

The year 2020 has not been very kind to the whole world in general. The global pandemic has caused a halt to almost all activities and economic growth, but with the resilience of Filipinos, we somehow get by. If only this pandemic's show-stopping power ruled over nature as well. Unfortunately, natural disasters and calamities continued to ravage the nation, as if things weren't difficult enough.

As much as we tried to react immediately to the impact of these events, we continue to encounter some loose ends in our effort to alleviate the plight of our people. Among these is the increase in mandatory social security contributions. In consideration of the financial strain that the events of 2020 has put on our countrymen, this bill proposes to do away with the contribution rate increase for the year 2021 to help ease the working Filipino's burden a little.

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

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AN ACT
SUSPENDING THE INCREASE IN SSS CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR 2021,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11199,
ENTITLED, "AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND EXPANDING THE POWERS AND
DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM
VIABILITY OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997"

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

Section 1. *Amendment.* Sec. 4 of Republic Act No. 11199, entitled, "An Act Rationalizing and Expanding the Powers and Duties of the Social Security Commission to Ensure the Long-Term Viability of the Social Security System, Repealing for the Purpose Republic Act No. 1161, as Amended by Republic Act No. 8282, Otherwise Known as the "Social Security Act Of 1997," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec 4. Powers and Duties of the Commission and SSS –
x x x

(9) *To implement the rate of contributions as well as the minimum and maximum monthly salary credits in accordance with the following schedule effective January of the year of implementation as follows:*

<i>Year of Implementation</i>	<i>Contribution Rate</i>	<i>Share</i>		<i>Monthly Salary Credit</i>	
		<i>Employer</i>	<i>Employee</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
2019	12%	8%	4%	P2,000.00	P20,000.00
2020	12%	8%	4%	P2,000.00	P20,000.00
2022	13%	8.5%	4.5%	P3,000.00	P25,000.00
2023	14%	9.5%	4.5%	P4,000.00	P30,000.00
2024	14%	9.5%	4.5%	P4,000.00	P30,000.00
2025	15%	10%	5%	P5,000.00	P35,000.00

x x x ;"

Sec. 2. Appropriations. Where the shortfall in contributions collected by the Social Security System for the current year cannot be sufficiently covered by the corporation's reserve funds, the necessary amount shall be charged against the current budget of the Department of Finance.

Sec. 3. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason, any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in force and effect.

Sec. 4. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or part or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 5. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,