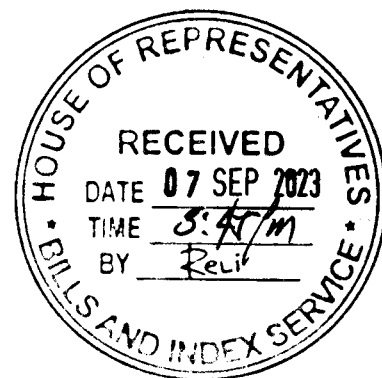


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

IN 2005, during the incumbency of the late President Fidel V. Ramos, Congress enacted Republic Act No. 7699, known as The Portability Law, In the implementation of said law, the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) does not give pensioners under said law, the (1) annual cash gift and (2) the right to get an increase in pension, as provided by GSIS Board Resolutions issued in 2007 and 2009. In 2010, Congress enacted Republic Act No. 9994, The Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, which provided the grant of the two benefits mentioned above, However, GSIS continues to deny said benefits to pensioners under Rep. Act No. 7699, This Act is being proposed for enactment to equalize the benefits to pensioners in civil service, as distinguished from Military and Uniformed Personnel (MUPs), especially because the civil service pensioners paid premium for their pension.

Immediate approval of this is urgently requested.


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

SECTION. 1. - This Act shall be called The Equal Benefits Act for Civil Service Pensioners.

SEC. 2. - The legislative intent of this Act is to grant equal benefits and rights to all pensioners under Civil Service rules, as distinguished from pensioners under the Military and Uniformed Personnel (MUPs).

SEC. 3. – Pursuant to the above legislative intent, it is hereby mandated that all persons receiving pensions for their service under civil rules, shall be entitled to all benefits provided in Republic Act No. 9994, The Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, and any amendment thereto that may be enacted in the future, particularly the (1) Annual Cash Gift and (2) The Right to get increase in pension, which shall be granted to pensioners under Republic Act No. 7699, The Portability Law.

SEC. 4. – It is further provided that to guarantee the availability of funds for pension increase, thirty (30%) percent of the net income from investment of the GSIS and SSS, shall be retained as Reserve Fund for pension increase.

SEC. 5. – The Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for this act shall be formulated within sixty (60) days from approval of this Act under supervision of the Department of Finance, Department of Budget Management, the Social Security, the Government Service Insurance System and representatives of registered associations of retirees, senior citizens.

SEC. 6. – Any provision of law, regulations, board resolutions contrary to the provisions provided in this Act, shall be null and void and of no force and effect.

Sec. 7. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) after publication of this Act in the Official Gazette or at two newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes first.

Approved,