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House Bill No. 351



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed bill seeks to introduce a crucial amendment to the existing legislation governing the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) by allowing members to designate a beneficiary in cases where there are no surviving primary or secondary beneficiaries.

The primary motivation behind this proposed change is to address the emerging experience of many of our citizens increasingly finding themselves without primary or secondary beneficiaries. These are productive members of our society who have diligently paid their dues but, for no fault of their own, have found themselves without what the law deems as those deserving of their years of hard work.

The bill will introduce an amendment allowing GSIS members to nominate an individual of their choice to receive benefits in the absence of primary and secondary beneficiaries. This amendment acknowledges the importance of flexibility in choosing beneficiaries beyond traditional family ties. In cases where primary and secondary beneficiaries are absent or incapacitated, the bill ensures that benefits are directed to a person of significance to the GSIS member.

This bill is rooted in the recognition of the diverse and often complex relationships that individuals form over their lifetimes. By providing GSIS members with the option to designate a beneficiary of their choosing, the legislation aims to align the GSIS framework with the evolving experience of its members.

Moreover, this amendment seeks to enhance the member-centric approach of the GSIS, empowering members to make personal decisions regarding the distribution of benefits in a manner that reflects their values and relationships.

This bill represents a progressive step towards modernizing the GSIS framework to better accommodate the diverse circumstances and preferences of its members.

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



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AN ACT
AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1146 AS AMENDED BY
REPUBLIC ACT 8291 OR THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE
SYSTEM ACT OF 1997

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

Section 1. DEPENDENTS. Section 2(h) of Presidential Decree No. 1146 as amended by Republic Act 8291, shall be amended to read as:

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h) Secondary beneficiaries — The dependent parents and, subject to the restrictions on dependent children, the legitimate descendants.

In the absence of all the foregoing, any other person designated by the member as his/her secondary beneficiary.*

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Section 2. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Government Service Insurance System shall make the necessary changes to incorporate the following changes into the existing IRR of Republic Act 8291 within 60 days from the effectivity of this Act.

Section 3. APPROPRIATIONS. The funds necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual appropriations of each agency concerned.

Section 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. The provision of Presidential Decree No. 1146 as amended by Republic Act 8291, is hereby amended. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, all other laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations and administrative regulations or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,