

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 7009**



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**Introduced by Representative Rolando Ledesma Macasaet**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

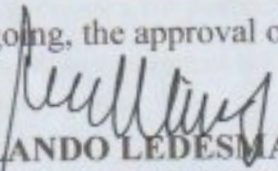
This measure seeks to amend Republic Act 8291 in order to increase the basic monthly pension granted to the surviving spouse under the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS).

Currently, when a GSIS member passes away, survivorship benefits provide 50% of the pension to the qualified beneficiaries. While this ensures some level of financial support, the continuing rise in inflation in recent years has significantly eroded the value of these benefits. The escalating prices of essential goods and services have placed an additional burden on surviving spouses and their dependent children who are already grappling with the loss of a loved one.

This proposal recognizes that survivorship pensions should be responsive to the realities of the present economy. In essence, the disbursement of survivorship benefits mirrors the continuity of the pension had the member lived to his or her projected lifespan.

It is the responsibility of the State to ensure that they are not left vulnerable to financial distress in times of grief and transition. This bill, therefore, seeks to provide them with a more stable and dignified means of support.

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

  
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**AN ACT**  
**INCREASING THE SURVIVORSHIP PENSION OF SPOUSES OF**  
**PENSIONERS COVERED BY THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE**  
**INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS), FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE**  
**PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 8291, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE**  
**KNOWN AS "THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM**  
**ACT OF 1997"**

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

1       SECTION 1. Section 24.1.1 (a) of Republic Act 8291, is hereby further  
2 amended to read as follows:

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4       "SECTION 24. Survivorship Benefits. -

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6       24.1.       *When a member or pensioner dies, the beneficiaries shall be*  
7       *entitled to the following survivorship benefits, whichever is*  
8       *applicable:*

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10       24.1.1.       *Survivorship pension consisting of:*

11       (a) *the basic survivorship pension which is **ONE HUNDRED PERCENT***  
12       *(100%) of the BMP; and*

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14       (b) xxx... ":

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16       SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act shall be deemed  
17 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected there shall remain in  
18 force and effect.

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20       SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* - All Acts, Presidential Decrees, Executive

21 Orders and Administrative Orders, Rules and Regulations and other such  
22 issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act  
23 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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25 SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
26 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general  
27 circulation.

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29 Approved.