SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. __16__

Submitted by the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization on
__1 9 OCT 2016__

Re: **House Bill No. 2158**

Recommending its approval, with amendment, and in consolidation with House
Bills Numbered 1947, 2776 and 3550

Sponsors: Reps. Jesus N. Sacdalan, Enrico A. Pineda, Michael Romero PhD.,
Vilma Santos-Recto, Evelina S. Escudero, and Rene L. Relampagos

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Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization to which were
referred:

House Bill No. 1947, introduced by Representative Vilma Santos-Recto, entitled:

> AN ACT INCREASING PENSIONS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY
> SYSTEM AND RATIONALIZING THE POWERS, DUTIES AND
> ACCOUNTABILITIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY
> COMMISSION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
> REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE
> KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW

House Bill No. 2158, introduced by Representatives Enrico A. Pineda and
Michael Romero, entitled:

> AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND EXPANDING THE POWERS AND
> DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION AND THE
> SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
> REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT
> NO. 8282, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY
> ACT OF 1997

House Bill No. 2776, introduced by Representative Evelina S. Escudero,
entitled:

> AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION TO
> CONDONE PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS
> AND TO DETERMINE THE MONTHLY SALARY CREDITS, THE
> SCHEDULE AND RATE OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE RATE
> OF PENALTY ON DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND

UNPAID LOAN AMORTIZATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW

and **House Bill No. 3550,** introduced by Representative Rene L. Relampagos, entitled:

> AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION TO CONDONE PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND TO DETERMINE THE MONTHLY SALARY CREDITS, THE SCHEDULE AND RATE OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE RATE OF PENALTY ON DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND UNPAID LOAN AMORTIZATIONS, THEREBY FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW

has considered the same and recommends that **House Bill No. 2158** be approved, in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 1947, 2776, and 3550, with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, line 1, delete the entire Section 1 and thereafter renumber the Section title in line 2 as SECTION 1;

2. On the same page, line 7, delete the letters "X XX" enclosed in parentheses and in lieu thereof, insert the following paragraph:

> "(1) To adopt, amend and rescind [, subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines,] such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions and purposes of this Act;

3. On page 3, line 4, renumber the section title from Section 3 to SECTION 2;

4. On the same page, line 21, delete the Section reference, which should now read as SECTION 3;

5. On the same page and line, delete the phrase SEC. 3 between the Section reference and the phrase Section 22;

6. Renumber all subsequent Sections accordingly;

7. The title of the bill shall read as follows:

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RATIONALIZING AND EXPANDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997'

with Reps. Pineda, Romero, Santos-Recto, Escudero, Relampagos, and Sacdalan as authors thereof.

JESUS N. SACDALAN
Chairperson, Committee on Government
Enterprises and Privatization

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 2158
(In consolidation with HBs Numbered 1947, 2776, and 3550)

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Introduced by : *Reps. Enrico A. Pineda, Michael Romero PhD.,
Vilma Santos-Recto, Evelina S. Escudero, and
Rene L. Relampagos*

Committee Referral : **Committee on Government Enterprises and
Privatization**
Committee Chairperson: **REP. JESUS N. SACDALAN**

OBJECTIVE:

To vest the Social Security Commission (SSC) and the Social Security System (SSS) with powers and duties comparable to other social security agencies, e.g., Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), and Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG), and their policy making bodies, thereby, allowing the SSC-SSS to respond with dispatch to clamor for additional benefits to its members or any threat to the sustainability of the social security fund.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Authorizes the SSC-SSS to enter into a compromise or to release any interest, penalty, or any civil liability to SSS in connection with short and medium term loans to its **members** such as salary, educational, livelihood, marital, calamity and emergency loans, without need for approval from the President of the Philippines;
- Authorizes the SSC-SSS to condone, compromise or release, in whole or in part, on a case to case basis, such penalties imposed upon **employers** for delinquent social security contributions due to fiscal difficulties;
- Mandates the SSC-SSS to submit to Congress annual reports related to the exercise of the power to condone penalties for delinquent social security contributions/payments and to include the names, addresses, and other information on the delinquent employers; and
- Authorizes the SSC-SSS to determine the salary credits, schedule and rate of contributions, and rate of penalty on unremitted contributions and unpaid loan amortizations without need for approval from the President of the Philippines.

RELATED LAW:

Republic Act No. 1161, as amended by Republic Act No. 8282, otherwise known as the 'Social Security Act of 1997'