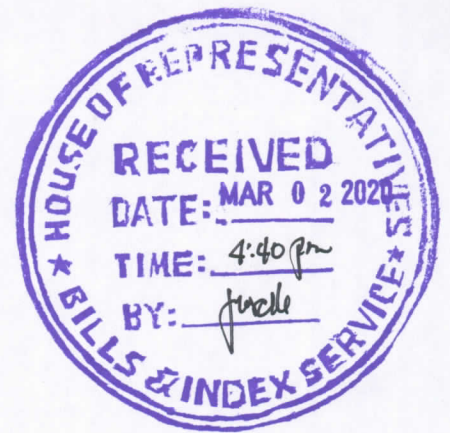


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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 750



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE FRANCISCO G. DATOL JR.

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONDUCT AND PRACTICE OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM IN BUYING OUT LOANS OF ITS MEMBERS FROM PRIVATE LENDING INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE GSIS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (GFAL), AND DEDUCTING THE LOANS FROM THE SALARIES, PENSIONS, AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF ITS MEMBERS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING LEGISLATION TO REGULATE THE SAME

WHEREAS, Article XVI, Section 8 of the 1987 Constitution provides that, "The State shall, from time to time, review to increase the pensions and other benefits due to retirees of both the government and the private sectors".

WHEREAS, with the State's mandate, it is also implied that the State shall protect retirement benefits and pensions of retirees in government. This includes the State protecting the retirement benefits and pensions of retirees from any liens or encumbrances. It is the policy of the State to ensure that employees in public sector, after retirement, will live a stable and comfortable lives.


WHEREAS, in the year 2016, around 26,000 teachers did not receive their retirement benefits because they needed to pay their loans with the GSIS. Furthermore, public school teachers' loans jumped up to P320 billion (P157.4 billion from GSIS and P162 billion from private lending institutions or PLIs).

WHEREAS, at the present, under the GSIS Financial Assistance Program or GFAL, the GSIS buys out the loans of Department of Education employees and other government employees from private lending institutions. Consequently, the payment of the transferred loans to the GSIS is deducted from the salaries, pensions, and retirement benefits of its members. This results in the members and retirees not receiving any amount or a measly amount of their monthly salary or pension, respectively.

WHEREAS, this practice of the GSIS, despite with the consent of the borrowers, has defeated the State's aim in protecting government employees, retirees, and pensioners, in ensuring that they will be economically and financially stable, and will have resources to spend during their retirement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives that the appropriate committee/s be directed to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the conduct of the Government Service Insurance System of buying out loans of its members from private lending institutions and deducting the loans from the salaries, pensions, and retirement benefits of its members, with the end in view of enacting legislation to regulate the same.

Adopted,


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