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**"AN ACT INCREASING PENSIONS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF R.A. 1161, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW"**


EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under Republic Act No. 8262 or the Social Security Act, members with at least ten (10) credited years of service are provided a monthly pension of P1,200; while those with twenty (20) credited years are given P2,400.

With the rise in the cost of living, especially in the prices of medicines and other prime commodities, these amounts are inadequate to meet the needs of the member pensioners.

It is imperative, in light of the Social Justice policy enshrined in the Constitution, to adjust the SSS pension rates to make them fairly responsive to the basic necessities of private employment retirees.

The early passage of this bill is earnestly sought to provide immediate relief to the needs of our pensioners.


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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 12 of Republic Act No. 1161, as amended by Republic Act No. 8282,
2 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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4 "SEC. 12. Monthly Pension. -

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6 (a) The monthly pension shall be the highest of the following amounts:

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8 (1) The sum of the following:

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10 (i) Three hundred pesos (P300); plus

11 (ii) Twenty percent (20%) of the average monthly salary credit, plus

12 (iii) Two percent (2%) of the average monthly salary credit for each
13 credited year of service in excess of ten (10) years; or

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15 (2) Forty percent (40%) of the average monthly salary credit; or

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17 (3) One thousand pesos (P1,000); Provided, That the monthly pension shall
18 in no case be paid for an aggregate amount of less than sixty (60) months.

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20 (b) Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the minimum MONTHLY
21 pension shall be TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000) for members with at least ten (10)
22 credited years of service and FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (P4,000) for those with twenty
23 (20) credited years of service.

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25 THE AFOREMENTIONED AMOUNTS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO
26 MANDATORY REVIEW BY THE COMMISSION THREE (3) YEARS AFTER THE
27 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, AND EVERY THREE YEARS THEREAFTER.

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29 THE COMMISSION SHALL EQUITABLY AND PROPORTIONATELY
30 INCREASE THE MONTHLY PENSION OF SUCH PENSIONERS AND OTHER
31 ENTITLED MEMBERS OR BENEFICIARIES TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY AND
32 FAIRNESS OF THE PENSION PROGRAM."

1 **SEC. 2. Implementing Rules and Regulation.** – The Social Security Commission shall
2 promulgate the necessary rules and regulation or accordingly amend existing ones in
3 order to give effect to the provisions of this Act.
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5 **SEC. 3. Separability Clause.** – Should any provision of this Act or any part thereof be
6 declared invalid, the other provisions, insofar as they are separable from the invalid
7 ones shall remain in force and effect.
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9 **SEC. 4. Repealing Clause.** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order,
10 letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation inconsistent with this Act
11 is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.
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13 **SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
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17 *Approved,*