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HOUSE BILL NO. 5588



Introduced by: Representative Florencio Gabriel G. Noel

EXPLANATORY NOTE

With the passing of Republic Act No. 10533 otherwise known as “*Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013*” or better known as the K-12 Law (the “K-12 Law”), Filipino children are now mandated to stay in school for a longer period of time. The K-12 Law extended the country’s ten (10) year basic education curriculum by adding a universal kindergarten, grades 11 and 12. However, while Filipino children receive additional education and are better-equipped due to the K-12 Law, this likewise entails that the dependence of Filipino children to their parents are also prolonged.

Republic Act No. 8282, otherwise known as the “*Social Security Law*,” as amended, made available to government employees a pension system which shall also be available, subject to qualifications, to their respective dependents. One of the qualifications to be considered as a dependent is when a person is the legitimate, legitimated, legally adopted and illegitimate child, who is unmarried, not gainfully employed, not over the age of majority, or is over the age of majority but incapacitated and incapable of self-support due to a mental or physical defect acquired prior to age of majority.

The existing law must be amended so as to supplement the change brought about by the K-12 Law. Thus, this bill seeks to extend the coverage of R.A. No. 8282, as amended, by extending the age of legal dependents from twenty-one (21) to twenty-three (23), hence complementing the age when Filipino students normally finish their basic education and thus are able to provide for themselves.

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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SOCIAL SECURITY LAW" AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 8 (e)(2) of R.A. 8282, as amended, is hereby amended further to read as follows:

SEC. 8. Terms Defined. - For the purposes of this Act, the following terms shall, unless the context indicates otherwise, have the following meanings:

"(e) Dependents - The dependent shall be the following:

(2) The legitimate, legitimated, or legally adopted, and illegitimate child who is unmarried, not gainfully employed and has not reached **TWENTY-THREE (23)** years of age, or if over **TWENTY-THREE (23)** years of age, he is congenitally or while still a minor has been permanently incapacitated and incapable of self" support, physically or mentally; and

SECTION 2. Implementing Rules and Regulation – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Social Security Services, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations necessary for the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 4. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,