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HOUSE BILL NO. _____

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.

Presidential Decree No. 1146, otherwise known as the “*Government Insurance Act of 1997*,” 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 P.D. No. 1146, as amended, by extending the age of legal dependents from eighteen (18) 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 PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1146, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“GOVERNMENT INSURANCE ACT OF 1977” 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 2 (f) of P.D. 1146, as amended, is hereby amended further to read as follows:

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. — Unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms shall mean:

(f) Dependents - Dependents shall be the following:

- (a) The legitimate spouse dependent for support upon the member or pensioner;
- (b) The legitimate, legitimated, legally adopted child, including the illegitimate child, who is unmarried, not gainfully employed, **BELOW TWENTY-THREE (23) YEARS OLD**, or is over **TWENTY-THREE (23) YEARS OLD** but incapacitated and incapable of self-support due to a mental or physical defect acquired prior to age of majority; and
- (c) The parents dependent upon the member for support;

SECTION 2. Implementing Rules and Regulation – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the GSIS, 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,