



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**H. No. 5444**

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BY REPRESENTATIVES MITRA, ALVAREZ (A.), ESCUDERO, LAGMAN AND  
CODILLA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1498

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AN ACT GRANTING SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING  
LEGITIMATE SPOUSE OF A DECEASED RETIRED MEMBER OF  
THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,  
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS AND THE OMBUDSMAN, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1           SECTION 1. In case of the death of a retired Chairman or  
2 Commissioner of the Commission on Audit, the Commission on Elections, the  
3 Civil Service Commission and the Ombudsman, the surviving legitimate  
4 spouse of said deceased retiree shall be entitled to receive on a monthly basis  
5 all the retirement benefits that the said deceased retiree was receiving at the  
6 time of his/her demise under the provisions of applicable retirement laws then  
7 in force. The said surviving legitimate spouse shall continue to receive such  
8 retirement benefits during his/her lifetime or until he/she remarries: *Provided,*  
9 That if the surviving legitimate spouse is receiving benefits under existing

1 retirement laws, he/she shall only be entitled to the difference between the  
2 amount provided for in this Act and the benefits he/she is receiving.

3 SEC. 2. Funds for the initial implementation of this Act shall be taken  
4 out of the current appropriations for the retirement of the chairman and  
5 commissioners of the constitutional commissions as well as the Ombudsman  
6 and/or savings of said constitutional commissions and the Ombudsman.  
7 Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation  
8 hereof shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

9 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
10 in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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