

SOLON WANTS TO FAST-TRACK PASSAGE OF MEASURES FOR RETIREES

MANILA – A party-list lawmaker at the House of Representatives is pushing for the immediate passage of a set of measures catering to retirees, particularly the option for early retirement and an increase in their monthly pension.

In a statement on Wednesday, AKO Bicol Party-list Rep. Alfredo Garbin Jr. said among these measures includes House Bill No. 86, or the proposed optional early retirement at 56 years old for all government employees, which has hurdled committee level this week.

Garbin said HB 86 also hastens the turnover of government positions to younger professionals, “making way for the infusion of fresh blood in public service.”

Garbin also highlighted another measure, which seeks to update the computation of basic monthly pension and give retirees more say in the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS).

HB 82 proposes to amend the Government Service Insurance Act of 1997 by defining basic monthly pension and increasing the membership of the GSIS Board of Trustees.

“We must change the computation of government employees’ pension from the current averaging mode to the gross monthly computation. Binigay na natin sa mga government employees, wag na nating bawiin (We already gave it to government employees, so let’s not take it back),” Garbin said.

Whereas basic monthly pension was previously computed as just a fraction of a government employee’s average monthly compensation at the time of retirement, the proposal seeks to have the basic monthly pension equal to the latest gross monthly compensation of the covered employee.

“Public officers and employees spent the best years of their lives serving the government and the public. They deserve to be given dignity at work for services rendered during their productive years,” Garbin added.

Garbin said the last bill

BIR padlocks warehouses in Valenzuela City for tax violations

MANILA--The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) on Wednesday temporarily closed the business operations of different warehouses in Valenzuela City for tax law violations.

Through its Deputy Commissioner, Operations Group; Revenue Regional Office No. 5 – Caloocan City and Revenue District Office No. 24 – Valenzuela City, the BIR padlocked the warehouses of the Gett Enterprises, Polymountain Industrial Corporation, and Yaflex Hardware Inc. located at 8B J.P. Rizal St., Arty. Subd., 238 Mc-Arthur Highway and 8AJ.P. Rizal St., Arty. Subd.,Karuhatan, Valenzuela City, respectively.

Tax Compliance Verification Drive (Tax mapping) activities were done by the Revenue District Office No. 24 – Valenzuela City on Oct. 15, 2019, to inspect compliance of business establishments with registration, in-

in the set of measures is HB 83, which proposes to increase the minimum monthly pension of Social Security System (SSS) beneficiaries from PHP1,200 to PHP3,200 for members with at least 10 years of accredited service.

The same bill also in-

voicing, bookkeeping and other rules and regulations of the BIR.

The results of the investigation showed that the warehouses of the three establishments were not compliant with the registration requirements prescribed in the Tax Code.

Section 115(b) of the 1997 National Internal Revenue Code of the Philippines, as implemented through the Revenue Memorandum Order (RMO) Mo. 03-2009, authorizes the BIR to suspend or close the business operations of a taxpayer for a period of not less than five days for failure to register; issue VAT (value-added tax) official receipts or sales invoices; file correct VAT returns; or pay the correct taxes.

The closure order was signed by the Deputy Commissioner, Operations Group Arnel SD. Guballa after the establishments

creates the monthly SSS pension from PHP2,400 to PHP4,400 for members with 20 years of service.

“There is a need to ensure that the benefits given to covered employees are abreast with current financial realities,” Garbin said. (PNA)

failed to comply with the registration requirements specified in Section 236 of the 1997 National Internal Revenue Code of the Philippines, as amended.

The said operation was headed by Guballa together with the representatives from the Department of Finance; regional director Ma. Gracia B. Javier; assistant regional director V C. Cadangen; regional division chiefs; revenue district officer Rufo B. Rarnario and other revenue officers, pursuant to the Oplan Kandado Program of the BIR.

This activity manifests the government’s sincerity to enforce tax laws and regulations to ensure compliance with the same and that everyone is paying correct taxes that will maintain public trust and confidence and in the process, increase government’s revenue collections. (PR)

DOLE warns OFWs anew amid ongoing HK protests

MANILA -- As mass actions in Hong Kong continue, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) on Wednesday urged overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) anew to stay away from areas where protests are held.

“Follow the advisory to avoid joining protest actions, do not wear white or black clothes, and stay at home after work,” DOLE Secretary Silvestre Bello III

said.

Bello issued the advisory as violence is imminent from pro-democracy protests in the special administrative region.

For months, anti-government protests have rocked Hong Kong. Police authorities have described the situation as being on the brink of a total breakdown.

Bello said there is no advisory yet from the Depart-

ment of Foreign Affairs or the Philippine Overseas Labor Office in Hong Kong to impose a deployment ban.

“No word yet (on deployment ban),” he said.

Government data shows that there are some 180,000 OFWs in Hong Kong, majority of them are working as household service workers.

Protests started in June against plans to allow extradition to mainland China. (PNA)

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Prayer for Healing

JESUS, may Your pure and healthy blood circulate in my ailing organism, and may Your pure and healthy body transform my weak body, and may a healthy and vigorous life throb within me, if it is truly Your holy will. Amen.

O BLOOD AND WATER WHICH FLOWED OUT FROM THE HEART OF JESUS AS A FOUNTAIN OF MERCY FOR US, I TRUST IN YOU!



Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.

3 O’CLOCK PRAYER

“You died Jesus, but the source of life flowed out for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fountain of Life immeasurable Divine Mercy, cover the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.”

“O Blood and Water which flowed out from the heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you!”

“Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One have mercy on us and on the whole world.” (3x) Amen.

Jesus, King of Mercy, I trust in you!

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