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Introduced by REP. FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Retirement Law for government workers is intended to provide protection and incentive to employees who have spent the best years of their lives as public servants.

In order to be able to enjoy the benefits of such law, this Bill reduces the number of years of service of those to be entitled to optional retirement and those to be covered by the compulsory retirement.

Approval of this Act is, therefore, urgently requested.

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AN ACT
LOWERING THE RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY-
TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
REVISED GSIS ACT OF 1997

*Be it enacted by SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Section 13, subparagraph (b) and Section 13-A, subparagraph 2 of Republic Act Numbered Eighty-Two Hundred and Ninety-One, otherwise known as "The Government Service Insurance Act of 1997" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 13. Retirement Benefits.

- (a) x x x
- (1) x x x
- (2) x x x

- (b) Unless the service is extended by appropriate authorities, retirement shall be compulsory for an employee at [sixty-five (65)] sixty (60) years of age with at least fifteen (15) years of service, he may be allowed to continue in the service in accordance with existing civil service rules and regulations.

"Section 13-A. Conditions for Entitlement - A member who retires from the service shall be entitled to the retirement benefits enumerated in paragraph (a) of Section 13 hereof: Provided, that -

(1) x x x

(2) he is at least [sixty] FIFTY-FIVE (55) years of age at the time of retirement; and

(3) x x x"

SECTION 2. The provisions under Section 13, subparagraph (b) and Section 13-A, subparagraph (2) of Republic Act Numbered Eighty-Two Hundred and Ninety-One and its Implementing Rules and Regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,