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House Bill No. 711

Introduced by REP. JUDY J. SYJUCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As a constitutional policy, public officials and employees shall at all times be accountable to the people and shall discharge their duties with utmost responsibility, integrity, competence, and loyalty, act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives.

Commitment to public interest requires that government officials shall always uphold public interest over and above personal interest. All government resources and powers of their respective offices must be employed and used efficiently, effectively, honestly and economically, particularly to avoid wastage in public funds and revenues.

These are among the basic tenets a public official must adhere and uphold. While in public service, a public official shall lead its employees to exercise and observe professionalism, justness and sincerity, political neutrality, responsiveness to the public, nationalism and patriotism, commitment to democracy, and simple living.

In the event of retirement from public service, a government official deserves to be given honorable dismissal for performing and discharging his/her duties with highest degree of excellence, professionalism, intelligence and skill.

This proposed bill seeks to grant any government official who shall retire from public service, pursuant to existing rules and procedures, retirement benefits provided that he/she has no pending criminal, civil or administrative case. The bill likewise provides that all retiring government officials must be subjected to a clearance system for purposes of accountability.

In view of the foregoing, immediate consideration and passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A MANDATORY CLEARANCE FOR ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS UPON THEIR RETIREMENT FROM PUBLIC OFFICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title – This Act shall be known as the "Honorable Dismissal of Government Officials Act of 2003".

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy – It is the policy of the State to promote a high standard of ethics in public service. Public officials and employees shall at all times be accountable to the people and shall discharge their duties with utmost responsibility, integrity, competence, and loyalty, act with patriotism and justice, lead modest lives, and uphold public interest over personal interest.

SECTION 3. Retirement from Public Office – A ny government official who shall retire from public service, pursuant to existing rules and procedures, shall be granted retirement benefits provided that he/she has no pending criminal, civil or administrative case.

SECTION 4. Certificate of Honorable Dismissal – A certificate of honorable dismissal shall be issued to any retiring government official by the Civil Service Commission, Office of the Ombudsman and Department of Justice, upon completion of his/her accountability clearance and clearance of no pending case.

Any retiring government official who failed to be issued a certificate of honorable dismissal shall be barred from receiving his/her retirement benefits.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation. The publication shall not be later than seven (7) days after approval hereof.

Approved,