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HOUSE BILL No. 4309

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Introduced by **REP. FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to credit the civilian government service rendered after retiring from the active military service, to the military service for purposes of retirement.

Presidential Decree No. 1638 as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1650, provides for the retirement and separation system for Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) military personnel. Unfortunately, this system does not allow, for retirement purposes, a military to tack on the services he rendered as a civilian government employee, when such civilian services were rendered after he retired or was separated from the AFP. The decree merely allows to be credited civilian services rendered prior to the date of his separation or retirement as a military employee or official.

This situation is disadvantageous to a military retiree. Even if he is already receiving a pension as a military retiree, this amount is not enough considering the economic situation that beset our country today. The sharp devaluation of the peso, the increasing inflation, the rise in the prices of among others, fuel, transportation, basic goods, and medicines, greatly necessitate a military employee to supplement the meager retirement pay from the AFP.

The military retirees had placed their lives on the line to maintain peace and order in the country. Our society owes a debt of gratitude to them for protecting not only our lives and properties but the whole country as well. The amount that theses military retirees are asking to be credited to them upon retirement is nothing compared to the sacrifices they made for the country and the Filipino people.

In view of the foregoing consideration approval of this bill is highly recommended.

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**AN ACT CREDITING TO MILITARY SERVICE, FOR PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT SERVICE RENDERED AFTER RETIRING FROM ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED SIXTEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE SIXTEEN HUNDRED FIFTY.**

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Presidential Decree No. 1638, as amended, otherwise known as the "AFP Military Personnel Retirement and Separation Decree of 1979, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. For the purpose of this Decree active service of a military person shall mean active service rendered by him as a commissioned officer, enlisted man, cadet, probationary officer, trainee or draftee in the Armed Forces of the Philippines and service rendered by him as a civilian official or employee in the Philippine Government prior to OR AFTER the date of his separation or retirement from the Armed Forces of the Philippines, for which military and/or civilian service he shall have received pay from the Philippine Government and/or such others as may hereafter be prescribed by law as active service; *Provided*, That for purposes of retirement, he shall have rendered at least ten (10) years of active service as an officer or enlisted man in the Armed Forces of the Philippines; and *Provided further*, That no period of such civilian government service longer than his active military service shall be credited for purposes of retirement."

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,