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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The object of this bill is to ensure the expeditious release of retirement benefits of all government employees. The GSIS claims that it can process applications for retirement benefits within five (5) days. However, the delay in the release of such benefits is still a common complaint.

This bill mandates that all the retirement benefits and gratuities of a government employee shall be released within fifteen (15) days from date of retirement. It shall be the responsibility of the head or chief of the government office concerned to ensure this, otherwise, he or she shall be held criminally liable.

Passage of this measure is earnestly sought in view of the foregoing premises.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO ENSURE THE RELEASE OF
THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF ITS EMPLOYEES WITHIN FIFTEEN
DAYS FROM RETIREMENT

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

SECTION 1. The head or chief of any government agency, bureau, or corporation shall ensure the release of all retirement benefits and gratuities of an employee under compulsory or optional retirement within fifteen (15) days from date of retirement.

SEC. 2. Penal Clause. – The head or chief of the government office who fails to comply with Section 1 of this act shall be punished with six (6) months suspension without pay.

SEC. 3. All laws and decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,