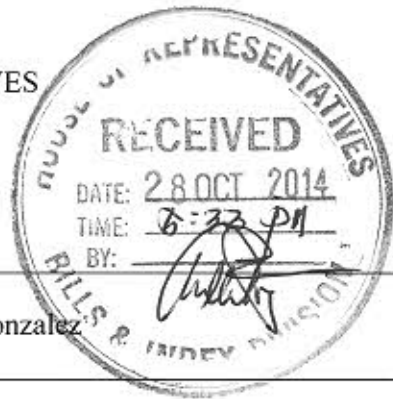


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed bill seeks to amend Section 16 of Republic Act No. 8439, otherwise known as The Magna Carta for Scientists, Engineers, Researchers and Other Science And Technology Personnel in Government, by extending the services of a scientist who is due for compulsory retirement for a maximum period of five (5) years, subject to certain conditions.

It is a well-known fact that even at the age of 65, scientists are still at the peak of the mental capabilities. Hence, they are still very capable of working on scientific projects that they had been working on prior to their retirement. By allowing a maximum of five-years extension, a scientist will have been able to satisfactorily finish whatever projects needed to be completed.

Compulsorily retiring them at that age will deprive the country and our people of the knowledge, ideas, skills, and even leadership abilities that the scientist had acquired over the years.

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AND TECHNOLOGY PERSONNEL IN GOVERNMENT, BY EXTENDING THE
SERVICES OF A SCIENTIST WHO IS DUE FOR COMPULSORY RETIREMENT
FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS

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

SECTION 1. Section 16 of Republic Act No. 8439 is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph that shall read as follows:

"THE SERVICES OF A SCIENTIST WHO IS DUE FOR COMPULSORY RETIREMENT MAY BE EXTENDED FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS: PROVIDED, THAT THE RESEARCH PROJECT IS WITHIN THE PRIORITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DOST) AND IS IDENTIFIED AS STRATEGIC TO THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AS CERTIFIED BY THE DOST SECRETARY; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE SCIENTIST IS STILL MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY FIT TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT; PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT THE REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SERVICES SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL AT LEAST THREE (3) MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE COMPULSORY RETIREMENT OF THE SCIENTIST."

SEC. 2. Repealing Clause. - All laws, rules, regulations, orders, circulars and memoranda inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Approved,