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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4641



Introduced by **HON. MARISOL C. PANOTES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

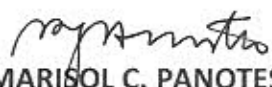
This bill proposes to lower the optional retirement age of public school teachers from sixty (60) to fifty six (56) years old.

There is a constant clamor reaching this representation from the teaching sector of the district, for a legislation lowering the optional retirement age.

The teaching career, in the Philippines particularly, is one of the most demanding professions. Teachers usually work beyond the normal hours of duty and whose services are utilized beyond the classroom and even during vacation season. As such, they are exposed to more hazards and pressure thus taking a heavy toll on their physical, mental and emotional well-being. Sadly, these teachers become a weary and used-up lot even before reaching 60 years of age, thus depriving them of the joy and pleasures of senior years.

For the gallantry and sacrifices of the public school teachers of this land, they absolutely deserve to enjoy the fruits of their labors while they are healthy and active. Also, if able to retire earlier, they can still become productive in other endeavors of their choice and therefore not relegated to sedentary status.

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


MARISOL C. PANOTES

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BY REPRESENTATIVE MARISOL C. PANOTES

AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS OLD TO FIFTY SIX (56) YEARS OLD AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997

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

SECTION 1. Section 13-A of Republic Act No. 8291 or the Government Service Insurance System Act of 1997 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

(1) x x x

(2) he is at least fifty six (56) years of age at the time of retirement; and

(3) x x x "

SECTION 2. All laws, proclamations, executive orders and their implementing rules and regulations and issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,