



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH (19th) CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1988



Introduced by REP. JOSEPH STEPHEN S. PADUANO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend section 13-A of the Republic Act 829 otherwise known as the GSIS Act of 1997 that sets the mandatory and optional retirement age for government employees except those in the military and police service.

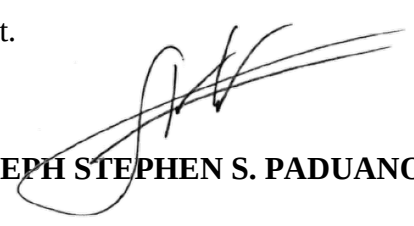
This proposed bill likewise intends to:

- (1) Respond to conditions of unemployment and underemployment as this measure can facilitate the movement among ranks of employees, and create opportunities for prospective or current government personnel;
- (2) Contribute to the improvement of quality of life of prospective retirees by providing opportunity to enjoy the benefits of their retirement at an earlier age.

With the option of early retirement, a retiree can explore various opportunities for new endeavors, such as setting-up their own businesses, creating new investments and possible source of new employment for others, thus becoming contributors to our local and national economy.

The bill entitled “*An Act Lowering the Optional Retirement Age of Government Workers from Sixty (60) Years to Fifty Six (56) Years Amending for this Purpose Section 13-A of Republic Act No. 8291, Otherwise Known as ‘The Government Service Insurance System Act of 1997’*” or House Bill No. 529 was originally filed in the 18th Congress by this Representation wherein it was consolidated with other similar proposed measures, deliberated at the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization, and was substituted by House Bill No. 5509 that bears the same title with the aforementioned bill, with this Representation as one of the principal authors. It was approved on the third reading and eventually transmitted to the Senate.

Hence, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS FROM SIXTY (60) TO FIFTY-SIX (56) YEARS, 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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 13-A of Republic Act No. 8291, otherwise known as “The
2 Government Service Insurance System Act of 1997”, is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:
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5 “SEC. 13-A. Conditions for Entitlement. – A member who retires from the service
6 shall be entitled to the retirement benefits enumerated in paragraph (a) of Section 13
7 hereof: Provided, That **SUCH MEMBER:**

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9 ”(1) [he] has rendered at least fifteen (15) years of service;

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11 “(2) [he] is at least [sixty (60)] **FIFTY-SIX (56)** years of age at the time of
12 retirement; and

13 “(3) [he] is not receiving a monthly pension benefit from permanent total
14 disability.”

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2 **SEC. 2.** This Act shall also apply to a qualified member who has retired or was
3 separated from the service prior to the effectivity of this Act: *Provided*, That the benefits to
4 be granted shall be prospective.
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6 **SEC 3.** Section 13-A of Republic Act No. 8291 is hereby amended. All other laws,
7 executive orders, letters of instruction, rules and regulations or provisions thereof which
8 are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified
9 accordingly.
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11 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
12 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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14 *Approved,*
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