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HOUSE BILL NO. 2295



Introduced by:
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Representative, 1st District, Zamboanga City

**AN ACT GRANTING RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO ALL ELECIVE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO HAVE RENDERED A CONSECUTIVE AND
UNINTERRUPTED PERIOD OF NINE (9) YEARS OR THREE TERMS OF PUBLIC
SERVICE AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

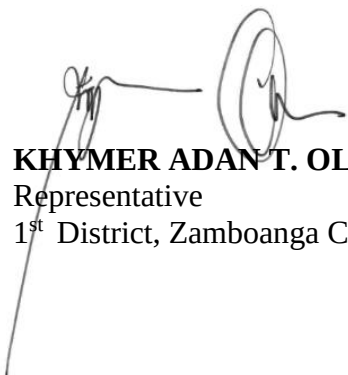
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant retirement benefits to local government officials who served for a consecutive and uninterrupted period of nine (9) years or three terms of honorable public service.

The local government unit as envisioned by the Local Government Code of 1991 serves as a front-line defense against insurgency and acts as the catalyst of development even in the most remote areas of the country. It is the primary planning and implementing unit of government programs and projects.

These important functions of the local governments are executed and implemented by local government officials, who, as community leaders unselfishly render their services and risk their lives in carrying out their responsibilities. It is unfortunate, however, that for all their services and sacrifices, devotion and dedication for the welfare of the local government and its residents, they have not been adequately compensated nor granted retirement benefits for their less productive years. It is therefore earnestly proposed that this bill be approved to recognize the efforts exerted by them.

In this light, this bill is being filed and immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. *Retirement Benefits.* - All elective local government officials who have rendered a consecutive and uninterrupted period of nine (9) years or three terms of honourable service as local government officials and have opted for retirement shall receive retirement benefits provided in this Act.

SEC. 2. *Amount of Benefit.* – An elected local government official entitled to retirement benefits under this Act shall receive a monthly pension for life amounting to not less than sixty-five percent (65%) of the monthly average honoraria, allowances and other emoluments authorized by law or by provincial, city, municipal or barangay ordinance.

SEC. 3. *Administration of Retirement System.* - Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) shall establish and administer an appropriate system under which local government officials shall enjoy retirement benefits. The GSIS shall undertake actuarial study to determine the funding requirement for the operation and maintenance of the retirement system.

The amount so determined shall be initially charged to the appropriations for the Department of the Interior and Local Government under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the retirement system, shall be included in the annual budget of the municipality or city to which the barangay belongs.

The initial appropriations provided by the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the subsequent annual budgets provided by the municipal and city government for the operation and maintenance of the retirement system shall be released to the GSIS.

SEC. 5. *Existing Benefits.* - Nothing in this Act shall be construed as to diminish, in any way, any existing benefits provided by laws, rules and regulations, local ordinances or any other issuances to barangay officials.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,