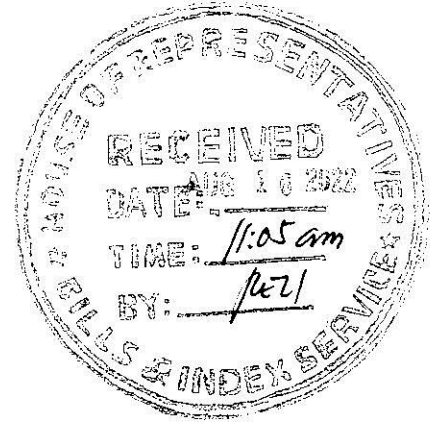


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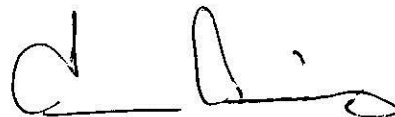
Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE EDWIN L. OLIVAREZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to lower the optional retirement age of government employees from sixty (60) years 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".

This measure seeks to improve the quality of life by lowering the optional retirement age to fifty-six (56) in order to avail of the retirement benefits at an earlier age. It is the hope of this representation to improve the productivity and morale of government employees by reaping the benefits of their labor at an earlier age.

This representation respectfully refiles this bill, which has constantly been receiving a support from the past and present Congress. The propose measure has been approved by the House on Third and Final Reading During the 17th Congress and 18th Congress.


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House Bill No. **3653**

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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:

Section 1. Section 13-A of Republic Act No. 8291, otherwise known as "The Government Service Insurance System Act of 1997" is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

"(2) [he] is at least [sixty (60)] FIFTY-SIX (56) years of age at the time retirement: and

"(3) [he] is not receiving a monthly pension benefit from permanent total disability."

Section 2. This Act shall also apply to a qualified member who has retired or was separated from the service prior to the effectivity of this Act: *Provided, that the benefits to be granted shall be prospective.*

Section 3. Section 13-A of Republic Act No. 8291 is hereby amended. All other laws, executive orders, letters of instruction, rules and regulation or provision thereof which are inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.