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HOUSE BILL NO. 556



Introduced by Representative **MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

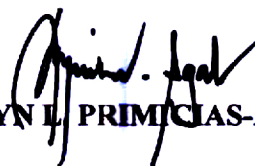
This bill seeks to lower the optional retirement age of government workers from sixty (60) years to fifty five (55) years of age. Considering its significance in promoting healthcare to government workers, this bill is being filed.

It is said, when a government worker retires at the age of 55, he or she will probably reach the age of 80, but when a government worker retires at the age of 60, he or she will only reach the age of 65.

This is how the longevity of government workers is now measured given the herculean task lodged unto them in a day to day basis. Government workers should be given the opportunity to enjoy the fruits of their labor at a younger age and to fully maximize other opportunities with the adage "there is life after retirement". In the same vein, it will also open the gateway to younger government public servants to move up and become successful catalysts of change.

Most importantly, government workers should be given the option and the opportunity to enjoy themselves and their families at the age of 55.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

**LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT
WORKERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS TO FIFTY FIVE (55) 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 Conditions 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 FIVE (55) years of age at the time of
retirement; and

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

SECTION 2. All laws, executive orders, letters of instruction, rules and regulations or provisions thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,