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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Teaching is considered the noblest profession because of the selfless sacrifices of our teachers and educators in the delivery of quality education and ensuring that each student has the necessary knowledge to succeed in their chosen careers. It then follows that retired teachers, having spent the majority of their lives in this noble profession, have contributed greatly in nation-building.

In recognition of their sacrifices and dedication in the field of providing quality education, our teachers deserve to be granted certain benefits for the many years they have spent serving the nation.

This bill seeks to recognize the important role of our retired teachers in nation-building and providing quality education in the country by providing priority in the availment of government services and public utilities.

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


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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “*Priority for Retired Teachers Act.*”

SECTION 2. Coverage. – This program applies to all retired teachers in government and private educational institutions.

SECTION 3. Priority for Retired Teachers. – All government offices and agencies as well as public utilities are mandated to prioritize attendance to the concerns of retired teachers. Where such concerns involve the availment of the services of such offices, agencies, and public utilities, the said entities are furthermore mandated to establish a priority lane that will give preferential treatment to retired teachers, without prejudice to the privileges provided by R.A.9994 or the “Expanded Senior Citizen’s Act of 2010”.

SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Department of Education (DepEd) shall be tasked with formulating and issuing the implementing rules and regulations for this Act.

SECTION 5. Appropriations. – The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,