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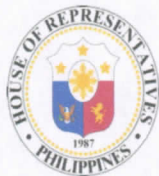
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Public school teachers are an integral part of one of the noblest professions known to man. It goes without saying that they exercise an important public function in rearing the youth to become proficient, responsible, and contributing members of society. However, being a part of this profession requires a considerable demand of one's time and energy in and out of the classroom. With their current optional retirement age being at sixty (60) years old, public school teachers have to contend with maintaining a certain level of fitness for a such unideal period.

This bill seeks to pay it forward and express the nation's sincerest gratitude towards public school teachers for their services by lowering the optional retirement age from sixty (60) years to fifty-five (55) years of age.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is respectfully requested.

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AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS OLD TO FIFTY-FIVE (55) YEARS OLD, 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 in the Senate and the House of Representatives 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 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) years of age at the time of retirement, OR AT LEAST FIFTY-FIVE (55) YEARS OF AGE IN THE CASE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS; and

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

Sec. 2. **Repealing Clause.** — All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are contrary to

or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,