

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session



COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 82

Submitted by the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization on

Nov 10 2019;
Re: **House Bill No. 5509**;

Recommending its approval, in substitution of House Bills Numbered 86, 221, 380, 529, 1501, 2681, 3026, 3921, and 3997;

Sponsors: Eric L. Olivarez, Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr., France L. Castro, Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Ferdinand R. Gaite, Eufemia "Ka Femia" C. Cullamat, Arlene D. Brosas, Sarah Jane I. Elago, Manuel "Way Kurat" E. Zamora, Joseph Stephen "Caraps" S. Paduano, Edgar M. Chatto, Lorna C. Silverio, Wilter "Sharky" II Wee Palma, Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas, and Tyrone D. Agabas

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization to which were referred **House Bill No. 86**, introduced by Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr, entitled:

"AN ACT REDUCING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE TO FIFTY SIX (56) YEARS OLD"

House Bill No. 221, introduced by Reps. France L. Castro, Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Ferdinand R. Gaite, Eufemia C. Cullamat, Arlene D. Brosas, and Sarah Jane I. Elago entitled:

"AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS TO FIFTY-SIX (56) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997"

House Bill No. 380, introduced by Rep. Manuel "Way Kurat" E. Zamora, entitled:

"AN ACT LOWERING THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 13(b) AND 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 529, introduced by Rep. Joseph Stephen "Caraps" S. Paduano, entitled:

"AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT WORKERS 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"

House Bill No. 1501, introduced by Rep. Edgar M. Chatto, entitled:

"AN ACT AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FROM SIXTY (60) TO FIFTY-SIX (56) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSES SECTIONS 13-A AND 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE ACT OF 1997".

House Bill No. 2681, introduced by Rep. Lorna C. Silverio, entitled:

"AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS TO FIFTY-SIX (56) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT 8291 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997".

House Bill No. 3026, introduced by Rep. Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II, entitled:

"AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS OLD TO FIFTY-SIX 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"

House Bill No. 3921, introduced by Rep. Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas, entitled:

"AN ACT LOWERING THE COMPULSORY RETIREMENT AGE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) FROM SIXTY FIVE (65) YEARS OLD TO FIFTY-FIVE (55) YEARS OLD AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE P.D. 1146, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997".

and **House Bill No. 3997** introduced by Rep. Tyrone D. Agabas, entitled:

"AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS FROM SIXTY (60) TO FIFTY FIVE (55) YEARS OLD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION

13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"GOVERNMENT INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997"

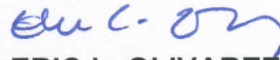
has considered the same and hereby recommends that **House Bill No. 5509**,
entitled:

"AN ACT

**LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT
WORKERS 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"**

be approved, in substitution of House Bills Numbered 86, 221, 380, 529, 1501,
2681, 3026, 3921, 3997, with Reps. Garbin, Jr., Castro (F.L.), Zarate, Gaite,
Cullamat, Brosas, Elago, Zamora (M.), Paduano, Chatto, Silverio, Palma, Cagas,
Agabas, Olivarez, Tambunting, Salceda, Bordado, Sy-Alvarado, Ungab, Bautista-
Bandigan, Nieto, Gatchalian, Sacdalan, Biazon, Cabochan, Salo, and Rodriguez,
as authors thereof.

Respectfully Submitted,



ERIC L. OLIVAREZ

Chairperson

Committee on Government

Enterprises and Privatization

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. _____

(Substitute to HBs numbered 86, 221, 380, 529, 1501, 2681, 3026,
3921, and 3997)

Introduced by Representatives Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr., France L. Castro, Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Ferdinand R. Gaité, Eufemia "Ka Femia" C. Cullamat, Arlene D. Brosas, Sarah Jane I. Elago, Manuel "Way Kurat" E. Zamora, Joseph Stephen "Caraps" S. Paduano, Edgar M. Chatto, Lorna C. Silverio, Wilter "Sharky" II Wee Palma, Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas, Tyrone D. Agabas, Eric L. Olivarez, Joy Myra S. Tambunting, Joey Sarte Salceda, Gabriel H. Bordado II, "Kuya" Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado, Isidro T. Ungab, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Weslie Gatchalian, Joselito "Joel" S. Sacdalan, Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon, Manuel DG. Cabochan III, Ron P. Salo, and Rufus B. Rodriguez,

AN ACT

LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS 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"

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 13-A of Republic Act 8291, otherwise known as "The
2 Government Service Insurance System Act of 1997" is hereby amended to read
3 as follows:

4 **"SEC. 13-A. Conditions for Entitlement.-** A member who
5 retires from the service shall be entitled to the retirement benefits
6 in paragraph (a) of Section 13 hereof: *Provided, That SUCH*
7 **MEMBER:**

8 (1) **[he]** has rendered at least fifteen (15) years of service;
9 (2) **[he]** is at least **[sixty (60)] FIFTY-SIX (56)** years of age at the
10 time of retirement; and

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

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

16 **SEC. 3.** Section 13-A of Republic Act 8291 is hereby amended. All other
17 laws, executive orders, letters of instruction, rules and regulations or provisions
18 thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
19 amended, or modified accordingly.

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

22 *Approved,*

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 5509

(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 86, 221, 380, 529, 1501, 2681, 3026, 3921, 3991, as approved on September 25, 2019)

AN ACT

LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS 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"

Committee Referral : **COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES
AND PRIVATIZATION**

Committee Chairperson : **REP. ERIC O. Olivarez**

OBJECTIVE:

- To allow government workers to exercise the option to terminate their employment at an early age without substantial loss to their monthly income

KEY PROVISION:

- Amends Section 13-A of R.A. No. 8291, "Government Service Insurance System Act of 1997", by providing that government workers who have reached the age of 56 years may file for optional retirement and be entitled to old-age pension for life from the GSIS

RELATED LAW: R.A. No. 8291 (Government Service Insurance System Act of 1997)