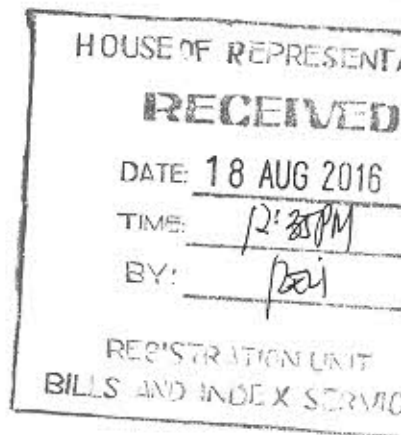


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3127



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

**AN ACT**  
**LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**TEACHERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS OLD TO FIFTY-FIVE 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**

This bill proposes to lower the optional retirement age of public school teachers from sixty (60) to fifty-five (55) years old.

Being a teacher in the Philippines entails work, a very hard work. They more often than not overworked and underpaid. Most teachers started teaching as soon as they graduated from college and qualified for a teaching job. Young as they are, they spent their whole productive years in molding the youth, starting from the nursery years of the children until the children have fully completed their education. But teachers do not stop there. They continue to teach and mold the youth until their strength worn them out. Aside from class room teaching, preparations also entail time and effort. The lesson plans, syllabi and programs of study are just some of the daily tasks of a teacher, not to mention other civic duties such as during election time which happens every three (3) years. Nonetheless, with the amount of work a teacher has to do, overworked is an understatement.

Thus, this bill proposes to lower the optional retirement age of a teacher from sixty (60) years old to fifty five (55) year old. With these, teachers will have the option to retire early and savor time with their respective families and loved ones while they still have the strength.

Considering the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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*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, or the Revised Government  
Service Insurance System Act of 1997, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 13-A. Conditions for Entitlement, xxx A member who retires  
from the service shall entitled to the retirement benefits in paragraph  
(a) of Section 13 hereof: Provided, That:

(1) he or **SHE** has rendered at least fifteen (15) years of  
service;

(2) he or **SHE** is at least sixty (60) years of age at the  
time of retirement, **OR AT LEAST FIFTY FIVE**  
**YEARS OF AGE IN THE CASE OF PUBLIC**  
**SCHOOL TEACHERS;** and

(3) he or **SHE** is not receiving a monthly pension benefit  
from permanent total disability”.

**SEC. 2.** The provisions in pertinent implementing rules and regulations and other  
issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

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33 *Approved,*