



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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”**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 13-A of Republic Act 8291, otherwise known as “*The Government*
2 *Service Insurance System Act of 1997*” is hereby amended to read as follows:
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4 “SEC. 13-A. *Conditions for Entitlement.* – A member who retires from the service shall
5 be entitled to the retirement benefits enumerated in paragraph (a) of Section 13 hereof:
6 *Provided, That SUCH MEMBER:*

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8 (1) [he] has rendered at least fifteen (15) years of service;

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10 (2) [he] is at least [sixty (60)] **FIFTY-SIX (56)** years of age at the time of retirement;
11 and

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13 (3) [he] is not receiving a monthly pension benefit from permanent total disability.”
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15 **SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or other issuances
16 or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
17 accordingly.
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19 **SEC. 3. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
20 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,