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**COMMITTEE REPORT No. 134**

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Finance on SEP 18 2023.

Re: Senate Bill No. 2444

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 58, 908, 935, 944, 1832 and 2325, taking into consideration House Bill No. 206.

Sponsor: Senator Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Finance to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 58**, introduced by Senator Francis G. Escudero, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
LOWERING THE COMPULSORY RETIREMENT AGE OF  
EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FROM 65  
YEARS OLD TO 60 YEARS OLD"**

**Senate Bill No. 908**, introduced by Senator Sonny Angara, entitled:

**"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'"**

**Senate Bill No. 935**, introduced by Senator Joel Villanueva, entitled:

**"AN ACT**

**LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES 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'"**

**Senate Bill No. 944**, introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian, entitled:

**"AN ACT**

**LOWERING THE COMPULSORY AND OPTIONAL 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"**

**Senate Bill No. 1832**, introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr., 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"**

and **Senate Bill No. 2325**, introduced by Senator Loren Legarda, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
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taking into consideration **House Bill No. 206**, introduced by Representatives France L. Castro, Arlene D. Brosas, Raoul Dannel A. Manuel, et al., entitled:

**"AN ACT  
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have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, **Senate Bill No. 2444**, prepared by the Committees, 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''**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 58, 908, 935, 944, 1832 and 2325, taking into consideration House Bill No. 206 with Senators Escudero, Angara, Villanueva, Gatchalian, Revilla, Jr., Legarda, and Cayetano (A.) as authors thereof.

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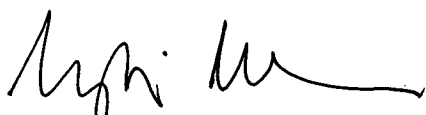


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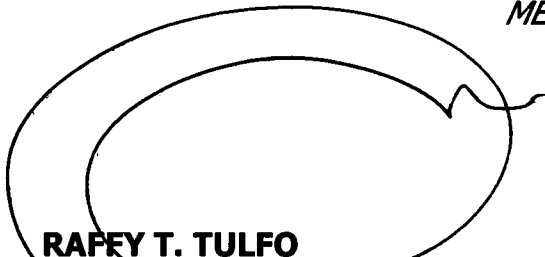
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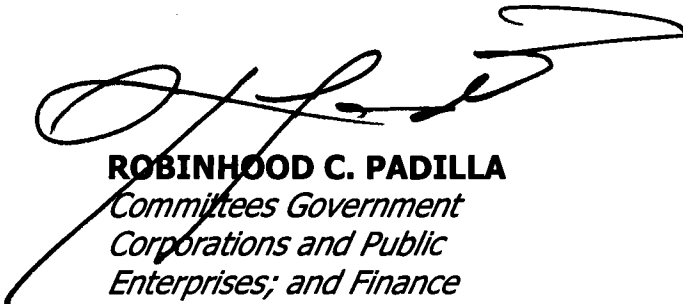


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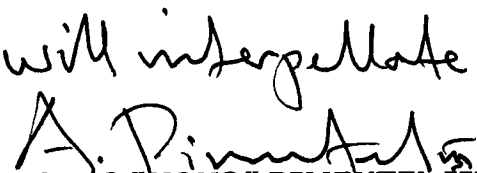
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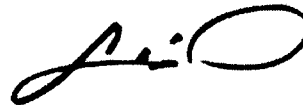
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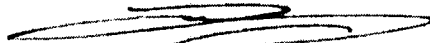
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1           Section 1. Section 13-A of Republic Act No. 8291, otherwise known as "The  
2 Government Service Insurance System Act of 1997" is hereby amended to read as  
3 follows:

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

7                   **SUCH 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  
10                   at the time of retirement; and  
11                   (3) [he] is not receiving a monthly pension benefit from  
12                   permanent total disability."

1            *Sec. 2. Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations,  
2 or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are  
3 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

*Approved,*