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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Race horse jockeys have to be always in tiptop shape. Their profession involves competing at breakneck speed and also undergoing strenuous activities with their mount outside of racing.

Under existing laws, the retirement age of racehorse jockeys is sixty years. But we all know that with age comes the physical deterioration of the mortal body. The jockey's accustomed alertness will fade, thus affecting his riding attitude. Given the physical demands and risks their profession entails, there is, therefore, a need to reduce the retirement age of racehorse jockeys.

In pursuance of better protection and promotion of adequate benefits for our racehorse jockeys, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT  
AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES BY ADDING A NEW  
ARTICLE 287-A REDUCING THE RETIREMENT AGE OF RACE HORSE  
JOCKEYS FROM SIXTY (60) TO FIFTY-FIVE (55)

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

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as “*The Race Horse  
Jockeys Retirement Act of 2013*”.

**SEC. 2. Retirement.** – The Labor Code of the Philippines is hereby further  
amended by adding a new Article 287-A to read as follows:

**“ART. 287-A. RETIREMENT AGE FOR RACE HORSE  
JOCKEYS. – A PROFESSIONAL RACE HORSE JOCKEY, WHO  
IS DULY LICENSED BY THE PHILIPPINE RACING  
COMMISSION (PHILRACOM), SHALL BE COMPULSORILY  
RETIRED UPON REACHING THE AGE OF FIFTY-FIVE (55)  
YEARS, AND SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ALL RETIREMENT  
BENEFITS PROVIDED FOR UNDER ART. 287 OF THIS CODE.**

**NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL DEPRIVE ANY RACE  
HORSE JOCKEY OF THE BENEFITS HE IS ENTITLED TO  
UNDER EXISTING LAWS, COMPANY POLICIES OR  
PRACTICES.”**

**SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The Department of Labor  
and Employment (DOLE), the Social Security System (SSS), the Philippine Racing  
Commission (PHILRACOM), and The New Philippine Jockeys Association, Inc.  
(TNPJAI) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective  
implementation of this Act within thirty (30) days from its effectivity.

**SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 5. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*