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**SENATE**  
**S. B. No. 2444**

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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 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3 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.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,*