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# S. 57

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 4, 2007

Mr. REID (for Mr. INOUE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Filipino Veterans Eq-  
5       uity Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. CERTAIN SERVICE IN THE ORGANIZED MILITARY**  
2 **FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHIL-**  
3 **IPPINE SCOUTS DEEMED TO BE ACTIVE**  
4 **SERVICE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 107 of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by striking “not” after “Army of the  
9 United States, shall”; and

10 (B) by striking “, except benefits  
11 under—” and all that follows in that subsection  
12 and inserting a period;

13 (2) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) by striking “not” after “Armed Forces  
15 Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945 shall”; and

16 (B) by striking “except—” and all that fol-  
17 lows in that subsection and inserting a period;  
18 and

19 (3) by striking subsections (c) and (d).

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21 (1) HEADING AMENDMENT.—The heading of  
22 such section is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 107. Certain service deemed to be active service:**  
2 **service in organized military forces of the**  
3 **Philippines and in the Philippine**  
4 **Scouts”.**

5 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The item relating  
6 to such section in the table of sections at the begin-  
7 ning of chapter 1 of such title is amended to read  
8 as follows:

“107. Certain service deemed to be active service: service in organized military  
forces of the Philippines and in the Philippine Scouts.”.

9 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this  
11 Act shall take effect on January 1, 2007.

12 (b) APPLICABILITY.—No benefits shall accrue to any  
13 person for any period before the effective date of this Act  
14 by reason of the amendments made by this Act.

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