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# S. 623

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 22, 1997

Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. AKAKA) 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 1997”.

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 out “not” after “Army of  
 9 the United States, shall”; and

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

13 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

17 (B) by striking out “except—” and all that  
 18 follows and inserting in lieu thereof a period.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) The heading  
 20 of 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) The item relating to such section in the table of  
 6 sections at the beginning of chapter 1 of such title is  
 7 amended to read as follows:

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

8 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this  
 10 Act shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

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

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