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To allow certain individuals who provided service to the Armed Forces of the United States in the Philippines during World War II to receive a reduced SSI benefit after moving back to the Philippines.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. EVANS, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, and Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROVISION OF REDUCED SSI BENEFIT TO CER-**
2 **TAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDED SERVICE**
3 **TO THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED**
4 **STATES IN THE PHILIPPINES DURING WORLD**
5 **WAR II AFTER THEY MOVE BACK TO THE**
6 **PHILIPPINES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections
8 1611(b), 1611(f)(1), and 1614(a)(1)(B)(i) of the Social
9 Security Act—

10 (1) the eligibility of a qualified individual for
11 benefits under the supplemental security income pro-
12 gram under title XVI of such Act shall not termi-
13 nate by reason of a change in the place of residence
14 of the individual to the Philippines; and

15 (2) the benefits payable to the individual under
16 such program shall be reduced by 50 percent for so
17 long as the place of residence of the individual is in
18 the Philippines.

19 (b) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In sub-
20 section (a), the term “qualified individual” means an indi-
21 vidual who—

22 (1) as of January 1, 1990, was eligible for ben-
23 efits under the supplemental security income pro-
24 gram under title XVI of the Social Security Act; and

25 (2) before August 15, 1945, served in the orga-
26 nized military forces of the Government of the Com-

1 monwealth of the Philippines while such forces were
2 in the service of the Armed Forces of the United
3 States pursuant to the military order of the Presi-
4 dent dated July 26, 1941, including among such
5 military forces organized guerrilla forces under com-
6 manders appointed, designated, or subsequently rec-
7 ognized by the Commander in Chief, Southwest Pa-
8 cific Area, or other competent military authority in
9 the Army of the United States.

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