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# H. R. 302

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2005

Mr. CUNNINGHAM (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. ISSA, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. HONDA, Mr. WELLER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, and Mr. WOLF) introduced the following bill; which was 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 2005”.

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.—(1) The heading  
21 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 January 1, 2005.

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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