

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1559

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

Mr. DURBIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Benefits Fairness for
5 Filipino Veterans Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN FILI-**
2 **PINO VETERANS FOR FULL-DOLLAR RATE OF**
3 **BENEFITS UNDER THE LAWS ADMINISTERED**
4 **BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 Section 107(c) of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:
7 “The Secretary may not determine that a person is not
8 an individual residing in the United States for purposes
9 of this subsection solely because the person is outside the
10 United States for any period of time less than one year.”.

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