



SENATE

S. No. 1534

PREPARED JOINTLY BY THE COMMITTEES ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, CIVIL SERVICE, GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND FINANCE WITH SENATORS LEGARDA, AQUINO IV, ANGARA, PIMENTEL, ZUBIRI AND GATCHALIAN AS AUTHORS THEREOF

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8439, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, RESEARCHERS AND OTHER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT"

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 8439 is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 7. *Other Benefits.* – Notwithstanding
4 [Section 12 of Republic Act No. 6758] LAWS
5 AND ISSUANCES ON COMPENSATION
6 AND POSITION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM,

1 AND SALARY STANDARDIZATION IN THE
2 GOVERNMENT, science and technology
3 personnel defined under Section 5 of this Act
4 shall receive the following:

5 (a) Honorarium. – S & T personnel who
6 rendered services beyond the established
7 [irregular] REGULAR workload of scientists,
8 technologists, researchers and technicians
9 whose broad and superior knowledge, expertise
10 or professional standing in a specific field
11 contributes to productivity and innovativeness
12 shall be entitled to receive honorarium subject
13 to rules to be set by the Department.

14 THE GOVERNMENT SHALL NOT
15 IMPOSE A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF
16 ADDITIONAL HONORARIA FROM
17 EXTERNALLY FUNDED GRANTS THAT
18 MAY BE RECEIVED BY S & T PERSONNEL.

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1 SEC. 2. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 8439 is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 “SEC 8. *Non-DOST S & T Personnel.* – S
4 & T personnel not employed by the
5 Department, who are involved in STA may
6 avail of the benefits under this Act upon
7 certification of the [Secretary of the
8 Department] HEAD OF THEIR AGENCY
9 THAT THEY ARE INVOLVED IN RESEARCH
10 AND DEVELOPMENT OR OTHER
11 SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
12 ACTIVITIES: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE
13 HEADS OF AGENCIES SHALL ABIDE BY
14 THE GUIDELINES PROMULGATED BY
15 DOST FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF NON-
16 DOST PERSONNEL INVOLVED WITH
17 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OR
18 SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
19 ACTIVITIES AND THEIR ENTITLEMENT
20 TO BENEFITS PROVIDED IN THIS ACT.”

1 SEC. 3. Section 16 of Republic Act No. 8439 is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 “SEC 16. *Hiring of Retired Scientists and*
4 *Technical Personnel.* – An employee retired
5 under any existing law, who, in the judgment
6 of the governing board or head of a research
7 agency, possesses technical qualifications and
8 the capability to undertake specific scientific
9 research activities, may be rehired on
10 contractual basis without refunding the
11 unexpired portion of the gratuity and
12 accumulated leave benefits received by him
13 from the Government: *Provided,* That no
14 qualified science and technology expert is
15 available to undertake said scientific activities.

16 THE SERVICES OF A SCIENTIST WHO
17 IS DUE FOR COMPULSORY RETIREMENT
18 MAY BE EXTENDED FOR A MAXIMUM
19 PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS: *PROVIDED,*