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# H. R. 3607

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

Mr. SABLAN (for himself, Ms. BORDALLO, and Ms. PLASKETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “U.S. Territorial Fed-  
5       eral Judges Improvement Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN TERMS OF OFFICE OF JUDGES OF DIS-**  
2 **TRICT COURTS OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA**  
3 **ISLANDS, GUAM, AND THE UNITED STATES**  
4 **VIRGIN ISLANDS.**

5 (a) NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.—Section 1(b)(1)  
6 of Public Law 95–157 (48 U.S.C. 1821(b)(1)) is amended  
7 by striking “ten years” and inserting “15 years”.

8 (b) GUAM.—Section 24(a) of the Organic Act of  
9 Guam (48 U.S.C. 1424b(a)) is amended by striking “ten  
10 years” and inserting “15 years”.

11 (c) VIRGIN ISLANDS.—Section 24(a) of the Revised  
12 Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (48 U.S.C. 1614(a)) is  
13 amended by striking “ten years” and inserting “15  
14 years”.

15 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect  
17 on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply  
18 with respect to any term of office of a judge of the district  
19 court of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, or the  
20 United States Virgin Islands—

21 (1) that has not expired as of such date of en-  
22 actment; or

23 (2) that begins on or after such date of enact-  
24 ment.

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