



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6

BY REPRESENTATIVES BIAZON, ORTEGA (F.), SARMIENTO (M.), BATAOIL AND
CALIMBAS-VILLAROSA

AN ACT PRESCRIBING A FIXED TERM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of
2 the State to give due recognition to the significance of the position of the Chief
3 of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in order to promote the
4 stability of the AFP as an institution thereby enabling it to perform its
5 constitutional mandate.

6 SEC. 2. *Term of Office of the Chief of Staff.* – The Chief of Staff of the
7 AFP shall have a fixed term of office of three (3) years. The term shall
8 commence on the date of appointment by the President, regardless of the date
9 of confirmation by the Commission on Appointments: *Provided,* That no
10 extension of term shall be allowed, except in cases of war or national
11 emergencies as Congress may declare.

12 When the officer appointed to the position of Chief of Staff of the AFP
13 reaches the compulsory retirement age before the end of the three (3)-year

1 term, the statutory compulsory retirement of the Chief of Staff of the AFP shall
2 be deferred until the completion of the prescribed three (3)-year term:
3 *Provided, however,* That the Chief of Staff of the AFP may be removed by the
4 President as Commander-in-Chief for loss of confidence at any time before the
5 end of the term of three (3) years.

6 The fixed term provided herein shall apply to the Chiefs of Staff of the
7 AFP appointed by the President after the effectivity of this Act.

8 The President shall select from among the officers in the grades of
9 Major General/Rear Admiral to Lieutenant General/Vice Admiral the officer
10 who, in the judgment of the President, is best qualified for the position of Chief
11 of Staff.

12 SEC. 3. *Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of National Defense
13 shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions
14 of this Act.

15 SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All issuances, laws, decrees, orders, rules
16 and regulations or parts thereof not consistent with this Act are hereby repealed
17 or modified accordingly.

18 SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
19 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2)
20 newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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