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FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC

Introduced by Senator Richard J. Gordon, Chairman and members of the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon)

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 27, Article II of the Constitution provides that "The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption."

As an effective measure against graft and corruption, this bill seeks to amend Section 5 of Republic Act No. 3019 (The Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act) by imposing an absolute prohibition on certain relatives of the President of the Philippines, the Vice-President of the Philippines, the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives to intervene, directly or indirectly, in any business, transaction, contract or application with the Government.

This bill aims to ensure that said public officials and their relatives always act in the best interest of the country and must not be motivated by personal considerations and relationships which could interfere with their independent judgment.

For this reason, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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## AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 5 OF RA 3019 ALSO KNOWN AS THE ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT

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

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 3019, also known as the Anti-Graft

and Corrupt Practices Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Prohibition on certain relatives. – It shall be unlawful for the spouse or for any relative, by consanguinity or affinity, within the third civil degree, of the President of the Philippines, the Vice-President of the Philippines, the President of the Senate, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to intervene, directly or indirectly, in any business, transaction, contract or application with the Government. [*Provided*, That this section shall not apply to any person who, prior to the assumption of office of any of the above officials to whom he is related, has been already dealing with the Government along the same line of business, nor to any transaction, contract or application already existing or pending at the time of such assumption of public office, nor to any application filed by him the approval of which is not discretionary on the part of the official or officials concerned but depends upon compliance with requisites provided by law, or rules or regulations issued pursuant to law, nor to any act lawfully performed in an official capacity or in the exercise of a profession.]

**SECTION 2.** *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, administrative

memorandum, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 3.** *Effectivity Clause* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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