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H. No. 7027

By Representatives Tutor, Nograles (M.I.), Gato, Ordanes, Olaso, Tan (K.M.), Villa, Bordado, Magsino, Palma, Romualdez (Y.M.), Acidre, Golez, Olivarez, Cari and Dalipe, per Committee Report No. 308

AN ACT

PROVIDING PREFERENTIAL APPOINTMENT TO APPOINTIVE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES HOLDING VALID APPOINTMENTS TO THE NEW POSITIONS IN THE APPROVED STAFFING PATTERN FOLLOWING A GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6656

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 6656, entitled, An Act to Protect the Security of Tenure of Civil Service Officers and Employees in the Implementation of Government Reorganization, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. APPOINTIVE officers and employees holding [permanent] VALID appointments shall be given preference for appointment to the new positions in the approved staffing pattern OF comparable RANK to their former OR THE NEXT HIGHER RANK position. In case there are not enough comparable POSITIONS OR POSITIONS NEXT HIGHER IN RANK, THEY SHALL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE TO APPOINTMENT to positions next lower in rank: *PROVIDED*, THAT PLACEMENT SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REVISED IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THIS ACT.

No new employees shall be taken in until all permanent officers and employees have been appointed, including temporary and casual employees who possess the necessary qualification requirements, among which is the appropriate civil service eligibility, for permanent appointment to positions in the approved staffing pattern, in case there are still positions to be filled, unless such positions are policy-determining, primarily confidential, or highly technical in nature."

- **SEC. 2.** Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Civil Service Commission shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.
- **SEC. 3.** All laws, rules, regulations, other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,