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Congress of the Philippines
Senate
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RESOLUTION No. 129

RESOLUTION AMENDING RULE VI, SECTION 8
OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE

WHEREAS, a safe, independent, free and functioning Congress is one of the cornerstones of Philippine democracy;

WHEREAS, Congress, in particular the Senate of the Philippines, has relied on law enforcement agencies in the performance of its legislative mandates, especially in the execution or service of summons and subpoenas, enforcement of contempt orders, and the protection and safety of the Members of the Senate;

WHEREAS, such reliance on law enforcement agencies, while carried out within the bounds of the law, nonetheless

hampers the Senate's capacity, as part of an independent branch of government, to establish its own security and operational protocols;

WHEREAS, the Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms should be empowered to maintain order and security of the institution, ensure the protection and safety of Members within and outside the Senate, and ensure their unhampered performance of functions and activities essential to legislation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To amend Rule VI, Section 8 of the Rules of the Senate to read as follows:

"RULE VI
THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, HIS DUTIES AND
POWERS

"SEC. 8. The duties and powers of the Sergeant-at-Arms are:

"a) x x x.

"b) x x x.

"c) To be responsible for the security and maintenance of order in the session hall, antechambers, corridors, and offices of the Senate, and the protection and safety of all its members within or outside the Senate premises, whether in session or not, in accordance with the orders of the President or the Secretary.

"d) To execute or serve, personally or through his delegates, the summons and subpoenas which may be issued by the Senate, the permanent or special committees, or the President himself.

"e) To enforce a citation for contempt issued by any committee of the Senate, and to detain and place under custody any witness who disobeys any order of the committee.

"f) x x x.

"g) x x x."

Adopted,



FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO

President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on
August 6, 2024.



RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.

Secretary of the Senate

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