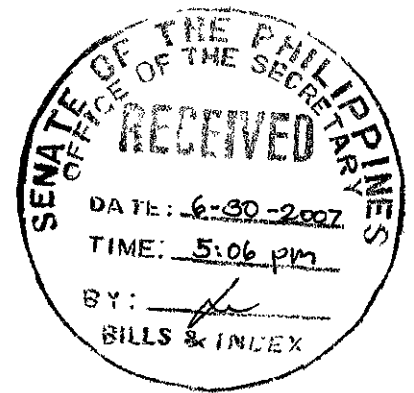


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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Secretary of the Department of National Defense (DND) and the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) are very sensitive and powerful positions in government that, when monopolized by the same person who just served as AFP Chief of Staff and thereafter immediately appointed as DND Secretary, may lead to apprehensions of corruption or betrayal of public trust.

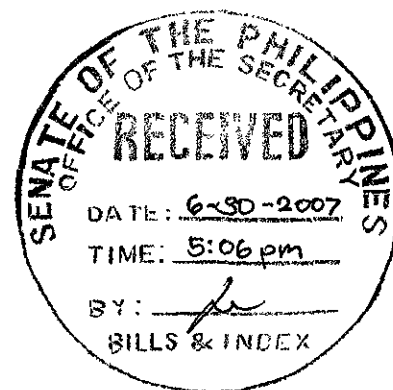
To ensure that public service shall be dictated by no other consideration than the public good, this proposed legislative measure seeks the disqualification of the AFP Chief of Staff from being eligible for appointment to the position of DND Secretary for a period of three (3) years from his tour of duty as AFP Chief of Staff based on precepts of propriety and ethics.

This prohibition seeks to show integrity to the public and lend effectiveness to the principle that a public office is a public trust.



**RICHARD J. GORDON**  
*as Senator*

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**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 42 CHAPTER 7 SUBTITLE II TITLE VIII OF  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** Section 42 Chapter 7 Subtitle VIII of Executive Order No. 292, as  
2 amended, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, is hereby amended to read  
3 as follows:

4                   "Sec. 42. The Chief of Staff. -

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6                   (4) NO CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE  
7 PHILIPPINES SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE  
8 SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE WITHIN A  
9 PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FOLLOWING HIS TOUR OF DUTY."

10           **Sec. 2. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or other  
11 issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or  
12 modified accordingly.

13           **Sec. 3. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the  
14 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation  
15 in the Philippines.

16           Approved,