



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 3274

BY REPRESENTATIVES ZIALCITA, CUA (J.), PUENTEVELLA, GONZALEZ,
ALVAREZ (A.), ALMARIO, SOLIS, DUMPIT, PIAMONTE, PANCRUDO,
COQUILLA, BELTRAN, SY-LIMKAICHONG, MANGUDADATU, SALVACION,
ONG, NICOLAS, DIASNES, EMANO, DEL MAR AND GONZALES (N.), PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 144

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9280, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE "CUSTOMS BROKERS ACT OF 2004", AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 27 of Republic Act No. 9280 is hereby amended
2 to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 27. *Acts Constituting the Practice of Customs Broker Profession.*

4 – Any single act or transaction embraced within the provision of Section 6
5 hereof shall constitute an act of engaging in the practice of customs broker
6 profession. Import [and export] entry [declarations] shall be signed [only] by

1 a customs broker AND THE CONSIGNEE/OWNER/IMPORTER under oath based
2 on the covering documents submitted by the importers.”

3 SEC. 2. Section 29 of Republic Act No. 9280 is hereby amended to
4 read as follows:

5 “SEC. 29. [*Prohibition Against Corporate Practice*] **ADMISSION TO**
6 **PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE.** – The practice of customs broker is a professional
7 service, admission to which shall be determined upon the basis of individual
8 and personal qualifications. AS SUCH, [N]no firm, company, or association
9 may be registered or licensed [as such] WITH THE PROFESSIONAL
10 REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC) for the practice of customs broker
11 profession.

12 “NOTHING IN THIS ACT SHALL PREVENT A CORPORATION FROM
13 BEING REGISTERED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF
14 CUSTOMS BROKERAGE: *PROVIDED*, THAT THEY SHALL HIRE THE SERVICES
15 OF AT LEAST ONE (1) CUSTOMS BROKER.

16 “FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, THE PHRASE ‘ENGAGING IN THE
17 BUSINESS OF CUSTOMS BROKERAGE’ SHALL MEAN MAKING
18 REPRESENTATIONS IN BEHALF OF IMPORTER-CLIENTS IN THE BUREAU OF
19 CUSTOMS (BOC) AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: *PROVIDED*, THAT
20 SUCH CORPORATIONS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF CUSTOMS BROKERING

1 SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM PAID-UP CAPITAL OF ONE MILLION PESOS
2 (P1,000,000.00) BEFORE THEY ARE ACCREDITED BY THE BOC.”

3 SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive
4 orders, memorandum orders and other administrative orders, rules and
5 regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of
6 this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

7 SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
8 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general
9 circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,