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**“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 the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 29 of Republic Act No. 9280 is hereby amended to read
2 as follows:

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4 “Sec. 29. [*Prohibition Against Corporate Practice*]
5 **ADMISSION TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE.** – The practice of
6 customs broker is a professional service, admission to which shall be
7 determined upon the basis of individual and personal qualifications. No
8 firm, company or association may be registered or licensed as such for
9 the practice of customs broker profession.

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11 **NOTHING IN THIS ACT SHALL PROHIBIT A**
12 **CORPORATION FROM HIRING THE SERVICES OF AN IN-**
13 **HOUSE CUSTOMS BROKER FOR PURPOSES OF**
14 **ACCREDITATION BY THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND**
15 **FACILITATION OF THE ACTIVITIES MENTIONED IN SEC.**
16 **6.”**

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18 **SEC. 2.** Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
19 memorandum orders, and other administrative orders, rules and regulations or parts
20 thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed,
21 modified or amended accordingly.

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

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26 Approved.