



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVES BIAZON, BATAOIL, ORTEGA (F.), SARMIENTO (M.),
YAP (S.), AUMENTADO, TEODORO AND RIVERA

AN ACT AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987 BY PROHIBITING A PERSON FROM BEING APPOINTED AS THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE WITHIN THE NEXT THREE (3) YEARS AFTER RELIEF, SEPARATION OR RETIREMENT FROM ACTIVE DUTY AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 45 of Chapter 10, Book IV of Executive Order
2 No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, is hereby
3 amended by inserting a paragraph after the first paragraph thereof to read as
4 follows:

5 “Sec. 45. *Qualifications of Secretaries.* – The Secretaries
6 shall be citizens of the Philippines and not less than twenty-five
7 years of age.

8 “IN THE CASE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL
9 DEFENSE, NO PERSON MAY BE APPOINTED AS SECRETARY
10 THEREOF WITHIN THE NEXT THREE (3) YEARS AFTER RELIEF,

1 SEPARATION OR RETIREMENT FROM ACTIVE DUTY AS A
2 COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
3 PHILIPPINES (AFP).”

4 SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules, regulations, orders,
5 circulars and memoranda inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or
6 modified accordingly.

7 SEC. 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately upon
8 approval.

 Approved,

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