



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 219

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AN ACT PRESCRIBING A FIXED TERM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF
AND MAJOR SERVICE COMMANDERS OF THE ARMED
FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of
2 the State to give due recognition to the significance of the positions of the
3 Chief of Staff and the Major Service Commanders of the Armed Forces of the
4 Philippines (AFP).

5 SEC. 2. *Terms of Office.* – The Chief of Staff of the AFP shall have a
6 fixed term of office of three years, and the Major Service Commanders shall
7 each have a fixed term of office of two years. The terms shall commence on
8 the date of appointment by the President: *Provided*, That no officer shall be

1 appointed Chief of Staff if said officer has less than one year of service
2 remaining in the active service.

3 No extension of term shall be allowed, except for the position of Chief
4 of Staff, which may be extended in cases of war or national emergencies as
5 declared by Congress.

6 When compulsory retirement age is reached before the end of term for
7 any of the abovesaid positions, he shall be allowed to complete his term but
8 shall be deemed compulsorily retired upon completion of the same.

9 SEC. 3. *Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of National Defense
10 shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions
11 of this Act.

12 SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – Section 4 of Republic Act No. 8186, with
13 respect to the maximum tenure in the position of Major Service Commanders,
14 is hereby amended accordingly.

15 All other issuances, laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts
16 thereof not consistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
17 accordingly.

18 SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
19 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two newspapers
20 of general circulation.

Approved,