



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES BIAZON, MANGUDADATU AND ABAYON

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AN ACT CREATING THE RANK OF FIRST CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT/FIRST MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER IN THE ENLISTED RANKS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR 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 the policy of the State to  
2 continuously develop a professional armed forces. In pursuit thereof, career  
3 development and promotion systems shall be established to ensure a career  
4 progression of all personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and  
5 to provide them with appropriate career motivations.

6           SEC. 2. *Creation and Distribution of New Rank.* – The grade of First  
7 Chief Master Sergeant/First Master Chief Petty Officer (E-10) is hereby

1 created as a component part of the noncommissioned grades of the AFP and  
2 which shall be held by the AFP Command Sergeant Major.

3 SEC. 3. *Selection of AFP Command Sergeant Major.* – The AFP  
4 Command Sergeant Major shall be selected from among the Chief Master  
5 Sergeants/Master Chief Petty Officers under such rules and regulations that the  
6 Chief of Staff, AFP, may prescribe: *Provided*, That there shall only be one  
7 noncommissioned officer with the rank of First Chief Master Sergeant/First  
8 Master Chief Petty Officer at any one time: *Provided, further*, That unless  
9 sooner terminated for cause by the Chief of Staff, AFP, the AFP Command  
10 Sergeant Major shall serve for a maximum term of three years unless he has  
11 already reached the compulsory retirement age under existing laws, in which  
12 case the compulsory retirement age shall prevail: *Provided, finally*, That upon  
13 termination or relief, the AFP Command Sergeant Major shall vacate the  
14 position and be reverted to the previous rank and grade unless he decides to  
15 retire, in which case, he shall be retired to the rank and grade last held.

16 SEC. 4. *Compensation.* – The basic salary and authorized allowances  
17 of a First Chief Master Sergeant/First Master Chief Petty Officer shall be in  
18 accordance with the computation to be determined by the Department of  
19 Budget and Management (DBM) and the AFP, subject to existing rules and  
20 regulations on compensation.