

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1803**

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**Introduced by HONORABLE LUIS R. VILLAFUERTE**  
**and HONORABLE FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ**  
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill proposes an amendment to Republic Act 157, that created a Bureau of Investigation (Now Known As The National Bureau of Investigation), by prescribing a fixed term of office of five (5) years, without reappointment, to the Director of the NBI.

The security of tenure of the NBI Director will boost professionalization of the NBI, promote its independence and thereby improve its crime-fighting capability. The fixed term of office is intended to insulate the head of the NBI from pressures or influence from any individual or group that may undermine the performance of the investigative and law enforcement tasks of the Bureau.

This bill is intended to enhance the Bureau's ability to perform its mandate with the highest standards of objectivity, impartiality and efficiency.

The approval of this bill is therefore earnestly requested.

  
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**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT CREATING THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NOW KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION), BY PRESCRIBING A FIXED TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS, WITHOUT REAPPOINTMENT, OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE NBI**

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

1       **SECTION 1.** Article 2 of Republic Act 157 is hereby amended to read  
2 as follows:

3           Section 2. The National Bureau of Investigation shall be  
4 headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the President  
5 (of the Philippines) with the consent of the Commission on  
6 Appointments (of the Congress of the Philippines) **FOR A**  
7 **TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS WITHOUT REAPPOINTMENT,**  
8 and shall receive an annual compensation (of seven thousand  
9 two hundred pesos) **AS MAY BE PROVIDED BY LAW OR**  
10 **ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION.**

11       **SEC. 2.** Any law, Presidential Decree, Issuance, Executive Order,  
12 Letter of Instruction, Administrative Order, Rule and Regulation contrary

1 to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed,  
2 modified, or amended accordingly.

3 **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect ten (10) days following its  
4 complete publication in any national newspaper of general circulation.

5 Approved,