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HOUSE BILL NO. **6108**



Introduced by **Honorable Benhur L. Salimbangon**

This bill seeks to provide reasonable and regular compensation to all court-annexed mediators in the country. It is likewise the purpose of this bill to provide regular compensation to mediation center staff including operating expenses for all mediation centers in the Philippines.

Mediation is a very challenging job. Mediation works demand considerable time and expense to the mediators in reporting to the mediation center and also in attending to cases that require them to mediate outside of the centers. But despite this very taxing job our mediators and their staff perform, they however receive only very minimal remuneration. The mediators who are considered volunteers are given a fee of only Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) for every successful case that has been mediated.

With the consistent decline in the number of court-annexed mediators and staff vis-à-vis the growing number of cases referred for mediation, it is only necessary that they be given compensation that is reasonable, commensurate and regular in keeping with the objective of the program which is to provide an inexpensive, fast, and efficient resolution of cases. Importance should be given to mediators as they are responsible for the de-clogging of court dockets and the decline of cases that go to trial.

Hence, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION TO MEDIATORS
AND MEDIATION CENTER STAFF OF
THE PHILIPPINE MEDIATION CENTER**

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

Section 1. This Act shall be known as the Mediators and Mediation Centers Staff Compensation Act of 2012.

Section 2. It is hereby declared that court-annexed mediators in the country be given reasonable and regular compensation notwithstanding the results of mediation. The staff of all mediation centers in the Philippines shall likewise be provided reasonable and regular compensation.

Section 3. The Supreme Court of the Philippines shall formulate the necessary implementing rules and regulations that shall govern the implementation of this Act.

Section 4. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act on the year following the approval of this Act and in every year thereafter.

Section 5. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any section of the Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof shall not be affected thereby and shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in force and effect.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect immediately upon this approval.

APPROVED.