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House Bill No. 3831

Introduced by **Representative Giorgidi B. Aggabao**

Explanatory Note

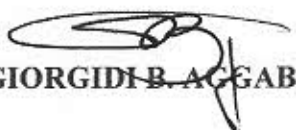
This bill seeks to put judges of lower courts at par with their colleagues in the higher courts, by providing additional leave benefits to them similar to what is currently being enjoyed by their colleagues in the higher courts.

Under the present law, particularly Section 98-A of Republic Act No. 296 as amended by Republic Act Nos. 843 and 3086, judges of the Metropolitan Trial Courts, Municipal Trial Courts and Shariá Courts are entitled to fifteen (15) days vacation leave and fifteen (15) days sick leave, all cumulative and spent exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. However, judges of the Court of Tax Appeals, Regional Trial Courts, Family Courts and Shariá District Courts, earn sixty (60) days leave credit, thirty (30) days of which are forfeitable and spent exclusive Saturdays and Sundays and holidays.

The growing number of our population and urbanization of our municipalities brought with it the concomitant increased number of cases, whether civil or criminal, being filed in our lower courts, requiring judges to spend long hours of work spent in courtrooms and their chambers, thus taking a toll on the health of our judges.

This bill aims to address this situation by providing for additional leave benefits to judges of the Metropolitan Trial Courts, Municipal Trial Courts and Shari'a Circuit Courts.

Approval of this bill is earnestly urged.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL FIFTEEN (15) DAYS SICK LEAVE AND
FIFTEEN (15) DAYS VACATION LEAVE ANNUALLY TO ALL JUDGES
OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL
COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL
CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS AND SHARIÁ COURTS

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

SEC 1. All judges of the Metropolitan Trial Courts, Municipal Trial Courts, Municipal Trial Courts in cities, Municipal Circuit Trial Courts and Shariá Courts shall be entitled annually to additional fifteen (15) days sick leave and fifteen (15) days vacation leave with pay, over and above the fifteen (15) days sick leave and fifteen (15) days vacation leave privileges provided for by law. For this purpose, said additional fifteen (15) days sick leave and fifteen (15) days vacation leave shall be non-cumulative and non-convertible to cash and in the computation thereof, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays shall be excluded.

SEC 2. Within sixty days after the effectivity of this Act, the Supreme Court shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC 3. All laws, decrees, executive orders, and other presidential issuances which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.