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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our foreign service personnel in the various consulates and embassies of the Philippines are the faces of the Filipinos in the different parts in the world.

It is thus important that the State takes good care of their welfare in order to bring out the best in them as they represent our nation in their respective countries of assignment.

This Act, which seeks to adjust, update and rationalize the allowances and benefits of foreign service personnel, is coupled with nothing but the best of intentions so that our foreign service personnel can cope with the rising costs of expatriate living and to provide them with the adequate means to represent the country with dignity befitting official representatives of the Republic of the Philippines.


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AN ACT
SEEKING TO ADJUST, UPDATE AND RATIONALIZE THE
ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS OF THE PHILIPPINE FOREIGN
SERVICE PERSONNEL

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Foreign Service Personnel Adjusted Benefits and Allowances Act of 2017".

SECTION 2. The State shall afford full protection to labor, local and overseas, organized and unorganized, and promote full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all. Hence, it is an imperative for the Philippines to strengthen its Foreign Service by providing adequate benefits and allowances *for its personnel*.

SECTION 3. The benefits and allowances of Foreign Service Personnel of the Philippines shall be adjusted, updated and rationalized with due regard to the cost of inflation and variegated living standards of the countries where they are assigned.

SECTION 4. The Department of foreign Affairs is tasked herein to formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulation of this Act within thirty (30) days from its effectivity.

SECTION 5. The fund necessary for the implementation of this act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act upon the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 6. If any provision hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. All laws, *presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations* contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.