

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6721



Introduced by Representative EDGAR R. ERICE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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According to a 2014 report by Global Financial Integrity, between 1960 and 2011 the Philippines lost roughly \$410.5 billion or Php 19.34 trillion on illicit financial flow.

In line with the President's drive against Graft and Corruption, as evidenced of the immediate dismissal of his friends and enemies alike with an allegation of graft. This bill seeks to drive down the avenue of corrupt practices, through the limitation of regional business who take advantage of the government.

In view of the above mentioned, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT” AS AMENDED,**

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.*

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SECTION 2. Republic act no. 3019, otherwise known as the “Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act” as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Sec.6. Prohibition on Members of Congress. – It shall be unlawful hereafter ***for the Spouse or for any relative, by consanguinity or affinity, within the second civil degree, of the Members of the House of Representatives and Members of the Senate*** during the term for which

he has been elected, to acquire or receive any personal pecuniary interest in any specific business enterprise which will be directly and particularly favored or benefitted by any law or resolution authored by him previously approved or adopted by congress during the same term.

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Sec. 9. Penalties for violations:

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The violation of said section proven in a proper administrative proceeding shall be sufficient cause for ***immediate and perpetual*** removal or dismissal of a public officer, even if no criminal prosecution is instituted against him.

SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.*

If for any reason any section or provision of this Act, or any portion thereof, or the application of such section, provision or portion thereof to any person, group or circumstance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions of this Act shall not be affected by such declaration and shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.*

The provisions of other laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity.*

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

Approved,