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AN ACT PROVIDING FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO ANY OFFICER  
OR ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE  
PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE  
(PNP) ON ANY CHARGE BEFORE THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE,  
COURT, ADMINISTRATIVE OR ANY COMPETENT BODY  
ARISING FROM AN INCIDENT OR INCIDENTS RELATED TO  
THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTY

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

1           SECTION 1. Any officer or enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces of  
2 the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP), who is facing  
3 before the prosecutor's office, court, administrative or any competent body,  
4 any charge arising from an incident or incidents related to the performance of  
5 official duty shall be entitled to free legal assistance.

6           SEC. 2. Within twenty-four (24) hours from the official receipt of the  
7 information that an officer or enlisted personnel is charged, the Chief of Staff  
8 of the AFP, the Chairperson of the National Police Commission  
9 (NAPOLCOM) or the Chief of the PNP shall authorize any lawyer or lawyers

1 of their respective agencies, with the assistance of the Public Attorney's Office  
2 (PAO), to provide free legal assistance to any officer or enlisted personnel of  
3 the AFP and the PNP.

4       SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60)  
5 days from the effectivity of this Act, the PAO, in coordination with the AFP,  
6 NAPOLCOM and the PNP, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to  
7 implement this Act.

8       SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
9 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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