

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6514, July 22, 1972]

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE AUTHORIZATION TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE ISSUED TO PRIESTS, OR MINISTERS OR RABBIS SHALL BE VALID FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, THE SAME TO EXPIRE ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER OF EVERY THIRD YEAR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE NINETY-FIVE OF THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Article 95 of Republic Act Numbered Three hundred and eight-six is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Art. 95. The public official in charge of registration of priests, ministers or rabbis with the approval of the proper head of department, is hereby authorized to prepare the necessary forms and to promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Title: *Provided*, That the authorization to solemnize marriages shall be valid for a period of three years, shall expire on the thirty-first day of December of every third year, and shall be renewable within the said month December: *Provided, further*, That the authorization to solemnize marriage issued prior to and valid on the date of the approval of this amendatory Act shall continue to be valid until the thirty-first day of December of the year, when this amendatory Act takes effect, any regulation to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided, finally*, That the words "my authority to solemnize marriage expires on December 31, 196" shall be indicated in all marriage contracts just below the title of the person so authorize to solemnize marriages.

"Priests or ministers, or rabbis belonging to one diocese religious order or congregation, or sect, may apply for authorization and or renewal of such authorization through their bishop, head of religious order or congregation chief of ministers, or duly authorized representative.

"The public official who is in charge of registration may also by regulations fix and collect fees for the authorization to solemnize marriage."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, July 22, 1972.
