

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1069, June 12, 1954 ]**

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHAPLAIN SERVICE AS A REGULAR COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, BY AMENDING PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED NINETY-ONE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ARMED FORCES OFFICER PERSONNEL ACT OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHT," AS AMENDED.**

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

SECTION 1. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (f) of section one of Republic Act Numbered Two hundred ninety-one, otherwise known as the "Armed Forces Officer Personnel Act of Nineteen hundred and forty-eight," are hereby amended to read as follows:

"(c) Appointments of officers in commissioned officer grades below that of brigadier general in the Regular Force shall be made in the Air Force, in the Navy, in the Judge Advocate General's Service, in the Chaplain Service and in each of the several corps of the Medical Service; but otherwise they shall be made in the Regular Force without specification of branch, arm or service. Those appointed without specification of branch, arm, or service shall be assigned, and may from time to time be transferred or reassigned, by the Secretary of National Defense in the several branches, arms and services of the Regular Force, excluding the Judge Advocate General's Service, the Chaplain Service and the several corps of the Medical Service, according to the professional qualifications of the officers concerned and the needs of the branches, arms and services: *Provided*, That transfer to but not from the Air Force and the Navy shall be permitted.

"(d) The authorized active list of commissioned officer strength of the Air Force; of the Navy; of the Judge Advocate General's Service; of the Chaplain Service; of each of the several corps of the Medical Service; and of each of the several corps, arms and services of the Regular Force in which officers are assigned as distinguished from those in which officers are appointed, shall from time to time, be determined by the Secretary of National Defense within the authorized active list of commissioned officer strength of the Regular Force and within any limitations provided by law.

"(f) Persons now vested with office in the Regular Force in the several commissioned officer grades under appointments as officers in the several branches, arms and services, excluding those appointed in the Air Force, Navy, Judge Advocate General's Service, Chaplain Service, and the several corps of the Medical Service, shall be deemed to hold such offices

under appointments in the Regular Force without specification of branch, arm or service specified in their appointments.

SEC. 2. Paragraphs (b) (1) and (c) of section three of Republic Act Numbered Two hundred and ninety-one otherwise known as the "Armed Forces Officer Personnel Act of Nineteen hundred and forty-eight," are hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) (1) The authorized numbers in each of the several grades in each of the several promotion lists shall be prescribed by the Secretary of National Defense by a schedule of percentages in each grade for each list, which schedule of percentages may be different for each promotion list but the numbers thus authorized in each of the several grades in each of the several promotion lists, shall not exceed in any promotion list the following percentages of the total officer strength authorized for the Armed Forces: four *per centum* in grade of colonel, ten *per centum* in grade of lieutenant-colonel, sixteen *per centum* in grade of major, twenty-one *per centum* in grade of captain, and forty-eight and one-half *per centum* in the combined grades of first and second lieutenants: *Provided*, That in the Medical Corps, Dental Corps, Judge Advocate General's Service and Chaplain Service there shall be no second-lieutenants, and the numbers authorized in the grade of first lieutenant in such promotion list shall be all those not authorized in higher grade: *Provided, further*, That numbers may be authorized for any grade in any promotion list in lieu of authorizations in higher grades: *And provided, further*, That this provision shall not operate to require a reduction in permanent grade of any officer in any promotion list now holding permanent appointment in any grade.

"(c) Promotion Lists. (1) The Regular Force promotion list shall contain the names of all promotion list officers except officers of the Air Force, Navy, Judge Advocate General's Service, Chaplain Service, and the several corps of the Medical Service.

"(2) The Air Force promotion list shall contain the names of all promotion list officers of the Air Force.

"(3) The Navy promotion list shall contain the of all promotion list officers of the Navy.

"(4) The Judge Advocate General's Service promotion list shall contain the names of all promotion list officers of the Judge Advocate General's Service.

"(5) The Medical Corps promotion list shall contain the names of all promotion list officers of the Medical Corps,

"(6) The Dental Corps promotion list shall contain the names of all promotion list officers of the Dental Corps,

"(7) The Veterinary Corps promotion list shall contain the names of all promotion list officers of the Veterinary Corps.