

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9, September 02, 1946 ]**

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES PURSUANT TO UNITED STATES PUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR, COMMONLY CALLED THE "REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES MILITARY ASSISTANCE ACT," AND TO ISSUE THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT SAID ACT, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.**

Whereas, the maintenance of a strong military establishment in the Philippines is undertaken in the joint interest of the United States and of the Philippines, and in the interests of world peace and security;

Whereas, the people of the Philippines and their Government are already legally pledged to a common defense of the Philippines with the United States;

Whereas, the United States Government, through United States Public Act Numbered Four hundred and fifty-four, commonly called the "Republic of the Philippines Military Assistance Act," has offered to extend military assistance the armed forces of the Republic of the Philippines in form of supplies and equipment, information and technical advice and of personnel for the training of the armed forces of the latter; Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The President of the Philippines is hereby authorized to enter into agreement or agreements with the President of the United States, or with any of the agencies or instrumentalities of the Government of the United States, regarding military assistance to the armed forces of the Republic of the Philippines, in the form of transfer of property and information, giving of technical advice and lending of personnel to instruct and train them, pursuant to the provisions of United States Public Act Numbered Four hundred and fifty-four, commonly called the Republic of the Philippines Military Assistance Act," under the terms and conditions provided in said Act.

SEC. 2. The President of the Philippines is hereby authorized to issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary and comparable to those customarily made by the United States, for the security of any article, plan or information received or acquired under the terms of this Act.

SEC. 3. Any officer, employee or agent of the Republic of the Philippines who shall, directly or indirectly, permit the use of any property received under the provisions of this Act or shall disclose any plan, specification or other information pertaining