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**HOUSE BILL NO. 3758**



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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

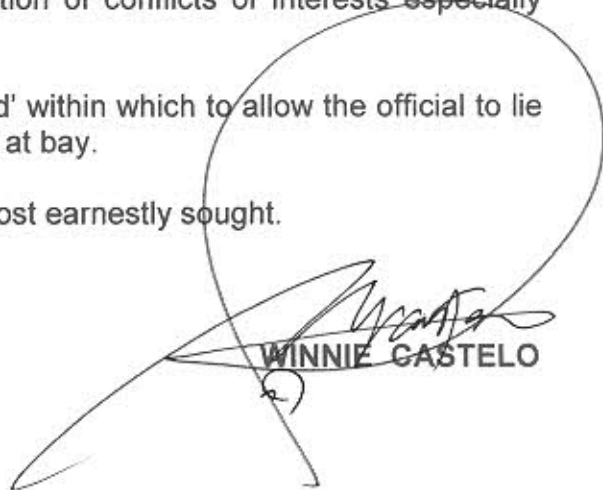
This proposed measure seeks to put an end to the practice of key personnel in the private sector from exerting undue influence in the industry on account of the authority they once wielded when they were holding key positions in the government.

Borrowing the words of a fellow lawmaker, "cabinet members are just personnel borrowed from the private sector. They return to their former private posts after their stint in the government."

This practice is breeding ground for the promotion of conflicts of interests especially when the official is in the same industrial milieu.

Hence, there is a need for a 'cooling down period' within which to allow the official to lie low and be kept out of sight to keep his influence at bay.

The immediate passage of this bill is therefore most earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

IMPOSING A THREE-YEAR BAN ON FORMER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM ENGAGING IN EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS RELATED TO THEIR PREVIOUS AGENCY, POSITION OR FUNCTION IN GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND USE OF UNDUE INFLUENCE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the 'Government Officials Temporary Ban in the Private Sector Act of 2016.'

SEC. 2. Government officials shall, for three (3) years after the cessation of their stint in government, be banned from engaging in employment or business and/or from undertaking activities or contracts within the same industry, line or sector as their position, agency or function in government.

SEC. 3. Any person found in violation of the provisions of this Act shall be fined the amount of P500,000.00

SEC. 4. All laws, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees, rules and regulations, issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers.

*Approved,*