

AUTHORIZING FEMALE MILITARY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO MARRY UPON COMPLETION OF THREE YEARS ACTIVE SERVICE.

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1910, March 22, 1984

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WHEREAS, Section 5 of Republic Act Number 3825 provides that officers and enlisted personnel of the Women's Auxiliary Corps who contract marriage shall be automatically separated or discharged from the service;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree Number 1043 modifies the restriction by setting five years of continuous active service as a prerequisite before any member of the Women's Auxiliary Corps can marry without being separated or discharged from the service;

WHEREAS, similar current AFP regulations governing members of Nurse Corps, contain the same restriction applied to the officers and enlisted women of the Women's Auxiliary Corps;

WHEREAS, this restriction causes demoralization especially among those who honestly feel that their rights are violated by such laws and regulations which limit their solemn and inherent prerogative to contract marriage anytime and that such restriction is prejudicial their welfare since it is not applied to their civilian counterparts in other government service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree that:

SECTION 1. Any female commissioned officer or enlisted woman contracts marriage en or after the approval of this Act while in the active service shall be automatically separated unless she has, at the time of said marriage, already completed at least three (3) years of continuous active military service in the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Provided, that any female member of the AFP who was previously separated or discharged honorably by reason of marriage may be called to active duty or reinstated subject to the above condition and in accordance with rules and regulations as the Chief of Staff, AFP may prescribe.

SEC. 2. Any law, decree, letters of instructions, presidential or executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This decree shall take effect upon its approval.

Done in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of March in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Four.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.)JUAN C. TUVERA

Presidential Executive Assistant

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