

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6650, March 14, 1988 ]**

**AN ACT TO GRANT THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE TO THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**

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

SECTION 1. The franking privilege is hereby granted to the Members of Congress: *Provided*, That such privilege shall only be available to assist and expedite the conduct of the official businesses, activities and duties of the Congress, and shall not be utilized for matters which are purely personal or politically partisan.

SEC. 2. Upon the death of a Member of Congress during his or her term of office, the surviving spouse is granted the same privilege, for a period of six (6) months after the demise of said Member: *Provided*, That such privilege shall be limited to nonpolitical correspondence relating to the death of the Member.

SEC. 3. All official mail availing of this franking privilege must be sealed in an official envelope indicating therein the name of the Member of Congress, with the Official Seal of the Republic of the Philippines or Congress on the left hand corner and the printed penalty clause on the right hand corner.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Transportation and Communications shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 5. Private or unauthorized use of the franking privilege shall be penalized by a fine of five hundred pesos (P500.00).

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Approved,

**(Sgd.) RAMON V. MITRA**

*Speaker of the House of  
Representatives*

**(Sgd.) JOVITO R. SALONGA**

*President of the Senate*

This Act which originated in the Senate was finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on February 22, 1988 and February 23, 1988, respectively.

**(Sgd.) QUIRINO D. ABAD  
SANTOS, JR.**

*Secretary of the House of  
Representatives*

**(Sgd.) ERIBERTO M. BERNAL**

*Secretary of the Senate*