

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3838, June 22, 1963 ]**

**AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT  
NUMBERED TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN,  
ENTITLED "AN ACT TO DECLARE THE POSITION OF  
GOVERNMENT CORPORATE COUNSEL DISTINCT AND SEPARATE  
FROM THAT OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, PROVIDE FOR HIS  
APPOINTMENT AND SALARY AND APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY  
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."**

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

SECTION 1. Section one of Republic Act Numbered Two thousand three hundred twenty-seven, entitled "An Act to declare the position of Government Corporate Counsel distinct and separate from that of the Solicitor General, provide for his appointment and salary and appropriate the necessary funds therefor, and for other purposes," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The position of Government Corporate Counsel is hereby declared distinct and separate from that of the Solicitor General. The Government Corporate Counsel, who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments, shall head the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel as presently constituted. He shall have the rank and privileges of an Undersecretary of Department and shall receive compensation of fifteen thousand pesos *per annum*. He shall be the principal law officer of all government-owned or controlled corporations. To enable him to discharge, his functions as such, it shall be the duty of all said corporations to refer to him all important legal questions for opinion, advice and determination, all proposed contracts and all important court cases for his services. He shall, moreover, exercise control and supervision over all legal divisions maintained separately by said corporations. No government-owned or controlled corporation shall hire a private law practitioner to handle any of its legal cases without the written consent of the Government Corporate Counsel or of the Secretary of Justice."

SEC. 2. Section two of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The positions of two assistant government corporate counselors are hereby created with a salary of twelve thousand and eleven thousand four hundred pesos