

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 493, June 12, 1950 ]**

**AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OR CONFERRING OR MILITARY OR NAVAL GRADES OR TITLES BY OR UPON PERSONS NOT IN THE SERVICE OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES OR THE PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY, TO REGULATE THE WEARING, USE, MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF INSIGNIAS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS, BADGES, PATCHES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS PRESCRIBED FOR THE SAID ARMED FORCES OR CONSTABULARY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. Hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person or association of persons not in the service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Constabulary to use, or confer upon himself or another who is not in the service of the said Armed Forces or Constabulary, any military or naval grade or title which is, or may hereafter be, prescribed by laws and regulations for the use of the Armed Forces or Constabulary: *Provided*, That the foregoing shall not be construed as prohibiting the use of such military or naval grades or title by personnel or persons now authorized by law and by the following persons:

- a. All veterans of any war when recognized by the Philippine or United States of the Government and only for the ranks for which they are recognized;
- b. Commissioned officers and personnel, retired or in active duty, of the Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey, of the quarantine service, and of the customs service;
- c. Commissioned and enlisted reservists including recognized guerilla officers on inactive status when using their authorized grades for a purely military purpose;
- d. Trainees in the Armed Forces while undergoing any period of trainee instruction pursuant to law.

SEC. 2. Hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person not in the service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines or the Philippine Constabulary, except those excluded from the prohibition in section one of this Act, to use or wear the duly prescribed insignia, badge or emblem or rank of the members of the Armed Forces of the Philippine or the Philippines Constabulary, or any colorable imitation thereof: *Provided*, That the foregoing shall not be construed as prohibiting any person from using or wearing any military or naval insignia, badge or emblem of rank in any play-house or theater or in moving-picture films while actually engaged in representing therein a military or naval character not tending to bring discredit or reproach upon the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine Constabulary or the Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey: *Provided, further*, That the use or wearing of any military or naval insignia,