

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 788

Introduced by Representative Harlin Cast. Abayon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Since the creation of the National Maritime Polytechnic in 1978 by virtue of PD 1369, substantial administrative changes have occurred in the government bureaucracy including the education sector. For instance, the Bureau of Higher Education, which was then under the Department of Education and Culture is now a separate national agency called the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

Currently, all the state universities and colleges (SUCs) have for its Board of Trustees (BOT) Board of Regents (BOR) members which include the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Chairman of the House Committee on Higher Education and Technical Education per RA 8292.

Pursuant to PD 1369, the National Maritime Polytechnic has for its mandate the established of a national maritime upgrading institution essentially geared at providing better employment opportunities in the domestic and international shipping for Filipino seafarers through more work-oriented training programs, updating and upgrading their skills and competence and thereby increase their acceptability for employment in the national maritime fleet and world's shipping.

This mandate is similar to the mandate of SUCs particularly those of the Palompon Institute of Technology (PIT) of Palompon, Leyte and the Naval Institute of Technology (NIT) of Naval Biliran Province which is to pursue a vision of excellence in maritime education to produce competent seafarers.

Thus, the NMP can be structured by adopting applicable components taken from RA 8292.

The bill calls for additional membership to make the governing body of the NMP more responsive to the requirements of its mandate. The proposed amendment, therefore, is the inclusion of the following as members of the NMP Board of Trustees (BOT).

- a) The Chairman, House Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
- b) The Chairman, senate Committee on Higher Education, Arts and Culture;
- c) The Chairman, Commission on Higher Education (CHED); and
- d) The Regional Director, Region VIII, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA).

Hence, the attached measure seeks the inclusion of additional members of the NMP Board of Trustees, approval of which is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NATIONAL MARITIME POLYTECHNIC, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PD NO. 1369.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representative of the Philippines in congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The composition of the Board of Trustees of the National Maritime Polytechnic under paragraph four of Presidential Decree No. 1369 to hereby amended to read as follows:

“4. Governing Board, Manner of Appointment.- The government of the National Maritime Polytechnic is vested in a Board of Trustees which shall be composed of TWELVE (12) (nine 9) members, namely:

1. The Honorable Secretary of Labor, as Chairman
2. THE CHAIRMAN, SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE,
3. THE CHAIRMAN, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER TECHNICAL EDUCATION,
4. THE CHAIRMAN, COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION , [2. Director, Bureau of Higher Education, Department of Education and Culture]
5. Administrator, Maritime industry Authority,
6. THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, REGION VIII, NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUHTORITY (NEDA)
7. Commandant, Philippine Coast Guard,
8. Executive Director, national Seaman Board,
9. President, Filipino Ship Owners Association,
10. President, Association of Marine Officers and Seaman’s Union of the Philippines,
11. President, Philippine Association of maritime Institutions,
12. President, National maritime Polytechnic,”

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,