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THIRTHEEN CONGREES

FIRST REGULAR SESSON

HOUSE BILL NO. 1503



Introduced by Representative JAIME LOPEZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The increasing trend of criminal activities are reported in the local dailies and attested by the police blotters all over the country is one problem suggesting immediate solution or remedy.

Some sector blame our law enforcers for the unabated hike in crime rate, but which should not be the case. While it may be true that the police many partly be blamed for the worsening peace situation, there are still some important factors which should be given serious attention and consideration to understand why the police force have grow less-effective to abort the commission of crimes and maintain peace and order.

Years back, it was conceive that the ideal ratio of lawmen's presence is one (1) police man for every one thousand 1.000 inhabitants. This set up, which is still being applied at present, may prove to be obsolete considering the numerous changes that our society has undergone - - - - the impaired economy, the insurgency problem, the activated politics and the sprout of several days syndicates are calculate to have multiplied the occurrences of violence and crimes.

Taking this into account would suggest that there is now a need to increase the visibility of our law enforces in every community. Perhaps, a good estimate is to assign (1) policeman for every five hundred (500) citizens which will automatically call for the doubling of the men in the force.

While this proposal is very logical, it is a sad fact that implementation of which is impractical considering the financial problems that the present government is saddled with.

The following bill offers an alternative to the problem. Instead of hiring more policemen which will entail a large appropriation, the bill proposes the establishment of a National Junior Police Force, from which the junior policemen will be fielded to assist the regular policemen, local officials and even school officials in the enforcement of laws and ordinances..

Aside form its austerity aspect, the bill is expected to keep our youth busy on a noble and worthy activity by no less giving them a chance to be of service to the country and a giving them a chance to be of service to the country and a training ground to mold them to be good and law-abiding citizens.

In view of all the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly urged.

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AN ACT
TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL JUNIOR POLICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a national junior police which shall be composed of abled Filipino citizens between the ages of 15 and 20.

SEC. 2. The members of the national junior police force shall be under the supervision and control of the chief executive of the local government units.

SEC. 3. Members of the national junior police force shall be appointed by the chief local executives of the local government units upon recommendation of the school principals.

SEC. 4. The national junior police force shall assist the local officials the regular police force, barangay officials and school officials in the implementation of laws, ordinances and school regulations, in the maintenance of peace and order, in the dissemination of public information and in the performance of related duties as may be delegated by the chief executives of the local government units.

SEC. 5. The national junior police force shall be authorized to enlist the cooperative and supportive services of any government office, agency or instrumentality in the performance of their duties.

SEC. 6. The members of the national junior police force shall not be entitled to any regular salaries except such allowances or honoraria as may be granted by the local government units.

SEC. 7. Any member of the national junior force who has served for at least four (4) years of service shall be exempted from taking the written examination being given for entry to the regular police force.

SEC. 8. The amount of Php100 million is hereby appropriated under the Department of Interior and Local Government for use in the organization of the national junior police force and thereafter the amount for its maintenance shall be shouldered by the respective local government units.

SEC. 9. Any provision of law, executive order, decree or regulation inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Approved.