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EXPLANATORY NOTE

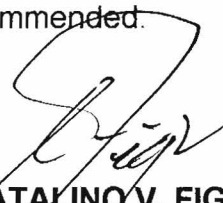
This bill requires every member of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police to undergo a two-month basic course on the Constitution.

Many charges have been leveled against military and police personnel such as disloyalty to the Republic, violation of human rights, disregard of established laws and other illegal activities.

The unsavory reputation of the military and police establishments maybe attributed to their lack of orientation or of understanding of the Philippine Constitution. Their training is mission oriented. Inculcated in their minds is the primary importance of accomplishing a mission with little regard for the ensuing human sufferings and damage to property. The emphasis of their training is generally on the handling of firearms, mob control, suppression of riots and similar activities to control actions and to neutralize the enemy.

The above-described training is important by the nature of the military and police profession. However, it should be complemented with a course that will orient the military and police personnel towards their responsibilities as citizens. Such course on the Philippine Constitution is aimed at producing disciplined members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police who will also be responsible citizens.

Approval of this bill is therefore recommended.


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**AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
PHILIPPINES AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE TO UNDERGO A
TWO-MONTH BASIC COURSE ON THE PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. All personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police shall undergo a two-month basic course on the Philippine Constitution. This requirement shall cover both the military and police personnel who are already in the active service and those to be recruited in the future.

SECTION 2. Any applicant who shall refuse to undergo the required course shall not be admitted to the service.

SECTION 3. Any personnel in the service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police who, without justifiable cause, refuses or fails to undergo the required course, shall be suspended until such time that he undergoes the same. If he fails to take the required course within the period of thirty (30) days from the effectivity date of his suspension, or shall fail the same, he shall be dismissed from the service.

Any responsible officer of the Armed Forces of the Philippines or the Philippine National Police, who fails to require or refuse to permit the personnel

assigned under his responsibility to undergo the required course shall be held liable and punished by suspension or separation from the service.

SECTION 4. The Department of National Defense in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriation for the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,