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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Multiple Sourcing of personnel has been proven to broaden the perspective of an institution, helping it in turn to grow and develop its full potentials. The State must therefore promote the multiple sourcing of regular officers of the AFP from Filipino citizens of diverse cultures and institutions. In line with this, there shall be established in the Philippine Air Force an educational institution to be known as the Philippine Air Force Academy (PAFA) hereinafter referred to as the Academy for instruction and preparation for military service of the Philippine Air Force Cadets, to be known as Aviation Cadets. This instruction is a 2-year program in the Academy upon the candidate's completion of the General College Education (GCE) requirements established by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) leading to the award of a four-year baccalaureate degree. Major courses for respective degrees shall be taught in the Academy together with the officer and aviation fields training. Graduates shall be awarded baccalaureate degrees and commissioned as regular officers of AFP.

The GCE requirement is basic to all 4-year baccalaureate degrees as determined by CHED. A candidate who has completed the GCE brings with him into the Academy the wealth of both knowledge and experience necessary to diversify the AFP. Young men and women, coming from the minority groups can earn their General College Education units required for entry into the Academy through scholarships existing in any government recognized colleges and universities, NGO's, GSIS and SSS.

The present assets of the Philippine Air Force Flying School (PAFFS), the PAF Officers Candidate School (OCS) and the PAF Technical School such as barracks, dormitories, office buildings, classrooms, technical equipment and other facilities necessary for training at the Air Education and Training Command (AETC), Fernando Air Base Lipa, City can be transferred to the Academy. The present budget of the PAF is enough to start the Academy as Majority of the instructors will be the officers in the PAF. Additional expenses will be incurred to accommodate civilian professors. However, this will be set to a minimum. Majority of the instructors will be officers in the PAF.

The Academy experiences of the Aviation Cadets plus the military discipline instilled in them will make them good leaders in the AFP and the country as well. From these graduates will be pilots and other aviation field officers who will man the modernized Philippine Air Force.

Considering the abovementioned premises, support for the early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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11 AN ACT
12 ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE ACADEMY (PAFA) AND
13 APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
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15 *Be it enacted by the Senate And House Of Representatives of the Philippines in*
16 *Congress assembled:*
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18 SECTION 1. **Short Title** – This Act shall be known as the
19 “Philippine Air Force Academy Act of 2004.”

20 SEC. 2. **Declaration of State Policy.** – It is hereby declared a policy
21 of the State to promote multiple sourcing of regular officers of the AFP for the
22 diverse military institutions of the Major Services of AFP from young men and
23 women who are bright and come from various regional and cultural groups
24 including from the Coast Guard Academy/School that maybe established in the
25 future.

26 SEC. 3. **Applicability.** The provision of this Act shall apply to the
27 AFP in so far as to the establishment of the Philippine Air Force Academy;
28 admission of cadets, who shall be known and called as Aviation Cadets;
29 organization and administration of the Academy; appointment to the regular force
30 as officers in the AFP from those who successfully complete the academic and
31 officer training in the academy, the composition of the Corps of Aviation Cadets;
32 composition of the Academic Board and Faculty members.

33 SEC. 4. **Definition of Terms.** For purposes of this Act, the following
34 are hereby defined:

- 35 a. **Active Commission Service** – A period of the active service rendered
36 by an individual as commissioned officer.
37 b. **Aviation Cadet** – a cadet in the Philippine Air Force Academy who is
38 pursuing a baccalaureate degree and being trained as an officer of the
39 AFP and specializing in the aviation fields.
40 c. **Commission** – a status conferred to an individual by the President of
41 the Republic of the Philippines to serve as regular officer or reserve
42 officer in the AFP.

- d. **CACPAF** – Corps of Aviation Cadets of the Philippine Air Force.
- e. **First Captain** – designation of the highest-ranking Aviation Cadet who will act as leader of the Corps of Aviation Cadets of the Philippine Air Force Academy.

SEC. 5. Establishments of the *Philippine Air Force Academy* - There shall be established in the Philippine Air Force an educational institution to be known as the Philippine Air Force Academy (PAFA), hereinafter referred to as the Academy, for the instruction, training and preparation of Philippine Air Force cadets, to be known as Aviation Cadets, for military service. This instruction is a 2-year program, basing from the minimum academic entry requirements into the Academy, that is the General College Education requirements as established by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) leading to the award of a four-year baccalaureate degree; these major courses shall be taught in the Academy together with the officer and aviation fields training.

The present Philippine Air Force (PAF) Flying School, PAF Officer Candidate School and PAF Technical School shall be absorbed by the Academy including equipment, facilities, school grounds and applicable members of the faculty and administrative personnel as the case maybe.

SEC. 6. *Corps of Aviation Cadets of the Philippine Air Force.* - The student body of the Academy shall be known as the Corps of Aviation Cadets of the Philippine Air Force (CACPAF). The President is authorized to appoint annually, subject to such physical and mental examinations as may be prescribed, the number of aviation cadets necessary to maintain the Corp of Aviation Cadets at a strength of one hundred twenty (120) and not to exceed two hundred fifty (250) at anyone time.

SEC. 7. *Eligibility for Admission.* - To be eligible for admission, a candidate must:

- a) Be single and must never have been married;
- b) Be a natural-born citizen of the Philippines;
- c) Be at least Eighteen years of age but not more than twenty one years of age on the 2nd day of January of the year of admission;
- d) Have at least completed the necessary General College Education requirements as established by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) obtained from any government recognized colleges or universities or accredited institutions leading to a 4 – year baccalaureate degree;
- e) Have completed the National Service Training Program;
- f) Pass the competitive national examination given for the purpose;

- g) Pass the physical examination and psychological tests to be given by competent authorities of the Philippine Air Force;
- h) Be willing to conform to and abide by all laws of the country and rules and regulations of the AFP.

The Academy shall provide for educational and physical facilities for the recruitment and training of women as members of the Corps of Aviation Cadets.

All Aviation Cadets shall be appointed by the President. An appointment is conditional until the cadet is admitted.

If it is to be determined that, upon the admission of a new class to the Academy, the number of aviation cadets at the Academy will be below the authorized number, the Chief of Staff may nominate, as may be qualified, alternates and are recommended and found qualified by the Faculty as are necessary to meet the needs of the Air Force, but not more than the authorized strength of the Corps of Aviation Cadets.

SEC. 8. Academic Courses. - Academic courses, which are major requirements for the conferral of baccalaureate degrees, shall be taught to the Aviation Cadets in the Academy. The Academy shall be manned and equipped with the necessary faculty, expertise, equipment and facilities to conform with CHED's requirements to be able to award baccalaureate degrees within 2 years of continuing academic instructions and officer training. There will be no academic breaks except on legal and national holidays. Nothing prevents the Academy from inviting professors and other experts in the aviation and other technical fields from existing national agencies, or having agreements with schools, colleges, and universities to augment its capabilities, nor the hiring of civilian professors to man professorial chairs.

The Superintendent of the Academy shall recommend to the Chief of Staff, AFP, individuals who will be designated/commissioned as members of the Corps of Professors. Applicable laws governing appointment and commissionship in the Corps of Professors shall apply.

SEC. 9. Organization of the Corps of Aviation Cadets. - The Corps of Aviation Cadets of the Philippine Air Force (CACPAF) shall be organized along the lines of the PAF organizations, herein after referred to as the Corps. The Corps shall have a First Captain appointed by the Superintendent of the Academy from among the most qualified Aviation Cadets. The Corps shall have an honor code of conduct which shall be used to govern the behavior of each and every cadet in addition to the established AFP rules and regulations.

SEC. 10. Pay and Allowances. - The pay and allowances of the Aviation Cadets shall be fixed by the President.

SEC. 11. Undertaking. - Each Aviation Cadet shall sign an agreement that, unless sooner separated by duly authorized authorities, he shall:

- a) Complete the course of instruction at the academy;
- b) Accept an appointment and serve as a commissioned officer of the Armed Forces of the Philippines for at least eight (8) years immediately after graduation from the Academy. Entry into the Academy shall be on January 2nd every year. Graduation will be last week of December every year.

SEC. 12. Aviation Cadet Retirement. -Any Aviation Cadet, who shall, after entrance to the Academy and before completion of prescribed courses of training, be found physically or mentally unfit for military assignment by reason of injury or disease incident to the service, shall be retired with the rank of a second lieutenant of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

SEC. 13. Commission. - Upon satisfactory completion of the course of instruction at the Academy, the aviation cadets shall be commissioned second lieutenants in the regular force of the Air Force with the relative rank in the order of final general standing as determined by the Academic Board of the Academy and approved by the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

SEC. 14. Administration. – The Academy as herein established shall be organized and administered by the Commanding General, Philippine Air Force (PAF) under the general supervision and control of the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Of The Philippines

SEC. 15. Academic Board. - The Academic Board of the Academy shall be composed of the Superintendent, the Dean of the Corps of Professors, the Commandant of Cadets and the Heads of the Departments to be constituted as follows:

- (a) The Superintendent and the Commandant of Cadets of the Academy shall be detailed to those positions by the President from the officers of the Philippine Air Force.
- (b) The Dean of the Corps of Professors shall be appointed from the permanent professors who have served as heads of departments of instructions at the Academy.

The Academic Board shall have the power to confer Baccalaureate degrees under such rules and regulations as the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines may prescribe upon all Aviation Cadets who may hereafter satisfactorily complete the approved course of studies. Aviation Cadets who have finished at least one hundred fifty hours of flying lessons shall be eligible for graduation.

Cadets/Students from other Philippine Military institutions maybe admitted to the Academy provided that these cadets/students must have completed the necessary General College Education requirements of CHED as specified in Section 5 and section 7. These cadets/students, however, will no longer take the competitive examinations nationwide except that they must pass the physical and psychological examinations provided for. Upon entry into the Academy these cadets/students shall be appointed as Aviation Cadets. Commissionship in the AFP for these cadets/student shall be subject to the requirements for commissionship as applicable in their previous military institutions.

SEC. 16. *Baccalaureate Degrees.* - Degrees to be conferred to those who successfully complete their courses in the Academy are the following:

- a) Bachelor of Science in Aviation
- b) Bachelor of Science in Aircraft Maintenance
- c) Bachelor of Science in Avionics

The degrees mentioned above are the initial degrees. Other degrees maybe conferred in the future provided that the Academic Board shall determine these degrees in consonance with the need of the country and the AFP as well. The Academy will develop these courses and the necessary expertise

SEC. 17. *Prohibition Against Hazing.* - Subject to the approval of the Secretary of National Defense, the Superintendent of the Academy shall issue rules and regulations preventing hazing and prescribe dismissal, suspension and other adequate punishment for violation thereof

For the purpose of this Act, "hazing" means any unauthorized assumption of authority by a cadet whereby another cadet suffers or is exposed to any form of injury, Indignity, humiliation, hardship or oppression or the deprivation or abridgement of rights.

If an aviation cadet is charged with violating any rules or regulations issued pursuant to this Section, the penalty of which is dismissal from the Academy, a request in writing for a trial by a general court martial may be submitted.

An Aviation Cadet dismissed from the Academy for hazing shall not be reappointed as an Aviation Cadet and shall be ineligible for appointment as a commissioned officer in the Armed Forces of the Philippines until after two (2) years from the graduation of his class.

SEC. 18. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* - The Philippine Air Force Flying School, the PAF Officer Candidate School, and the PAF Technical School including the members of faculty and personnel, records, equipment, assets and liabilities are hereby transferred to and integrated with the Philippine

assets and liabilities are hereby transferred to and integrated with the Philippine Air Force Academy. Similar assets necessary for training pilots now existing elsewhere in the AFP shall be transferred to the Academy.

SEC. 19. *Implementing Rules and Regulation.* - The Secretary of National Defense shall prescribe the implementing rules and regulation (IRR) necessary for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 20. *Budget.* - The initial appropriations necessary for the establishment of the Academy shall be charged to the appropriation of the Department of National Defense. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the improvement, operation and maintenance of the Academy shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 21. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is held invalid, all the other provisions not affected hereby shall remain valid.

SEC. 22. *Effectivity.* - This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,