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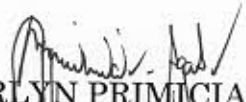
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Peace is essential for men to live in a civilized state. Our country now enjoys the fruits of a harmonious society through the Philippine National Police force whose competence and dedication to service ensured that laws and ordinances are executed and enforced, and that public order is maintained and necessary steps are undertaken to preserve public safety.

Everyday our police force faces danger, threats and even death in order to defend our society and uphold justice from mischievous and dangerous elements which constantly imperil our state. However, there is a need for real social and economic reforms and opportunities for our police to continue to persevere, maintain excellence in service, and prevent them from straying away the right path. Reforms are also needed so as to encourage as much people to join the Philippine National Police.

It is then imperative for the government to provide and maintain programs to address the police force's basic needs and to uplift their general welfare.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS TO PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP)
PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Philippine National Police (PNP) Personnel and Dependent's Benefits Act of 2010."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State in recognizing the vital role and importance of the police force in the promotion of public order, peace and safety. The State, in turn, should ensure the advancement of their social and economic status and that of their dependents.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, the following shall mean:

- a. PNP Personnel – shall include all active and incapacitated members of the Philippine National Police.
- b. PNP Dependents – shall include the spouse, legitimate, legitimated or legally adopted child of the Philippine National Police personnel, or other persons dependent on the police personnel for chief support, duly registered with the Moral and Welfare Division, Office of the Directorate of Human Resource and Development Team of the Philippine National Police.

SEC. 4. *Educational Benefit.* – Dependents of the PNP personnel shall be entitled to educational assistance in State Universities and Colleges to cover one hundred percent (100%) of the total tuition and registration fees in an amount as the State University or College, where the dependent shall enroll, may determine as reasonable and necessary.

Only one (1) dependent for each qualified public school teacher may avail of the grant provided in this Act.

SEC. 5. *Health Benefits.* – Dependents of PNP personnel shall be entitled to the following health benefits to be provided by the Philippine National Police Health Facilities located in various parts of the country:

- a. Free hospitalization, inclusive of professional services, medicine and medical supplies;
- b. Dispensary and outpatient services;
- c. Ambulance services; and
- d. Free dental services.

SEC. 6. *Housing Benefits.* – PNP personnel and their dependents shall be provided with the necessary housing subject to the eligibility and priority system set by the Major Service/Unit Housing Boards of the Philippine National Police force. Housing, especially Off-Base housing in preparation for retirement will be provided additional funding.

SEC. 7. *Commissary Benefits.* – Dependents of PNP personnel shall be entitled to the benefit/privilege of purchasing tax-exempt merchandise from any of the AFPCES units either cash or salary check.

SEC. 8. *Other Benefits and Privileges.* – Dependents of PNP personnel shall continue to receive and enjoy all other existing benefits and privileges.

SEC. 9. *Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Interior and Local Government in coordination with the National Police Commission shall prescribe the necessary implementing rules and regulations within ninety (90) days upon the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 10. *Appropriations.* – The Department of Interior and Local Government shall, every year, allocate a portion of its annual budget for the support of this Act.

SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions not affected thereby.

SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, presidential issuances and other administrative rules and regulations or

parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 13. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,