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**Introduced by Honorable Juliet R. Cortuna**

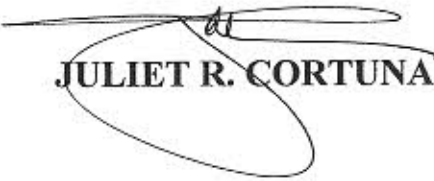
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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The National Police Commission is a government agency that is supposed to oversee the performance of the Philippine National Police as mandated by law. Unfortunately, the composition of the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) includes the Chief of the Philippine National Police as ex-officio member. It is obvious that conflict of interest exists while NAPOLCOM performs its functions in accordance with its mandate.

This bill seeks to eliminate the conflict of interest in the National Police Commission as it ensures that the Philippine National Police performs its duties and responsibilities in accordance with the Constitution by amending Section 13 of Republic Act No. 6975 as amended by Republic Act No. 8551. Under this bill, no former or active police or military officer is allowed to sit as member or chairperson of the National Police Commission.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT RESTRUCTURING THE COMPOSITION OF  
THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6957 AS AMENDED BY  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551**

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

SECTION 1. Section 13 of Republic Act No. 6975 as amended by Republic Act No. 8551 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**“Section 13. *Creation and composition.* – A National Police Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, is hereby created for the purpose of effectively discharging the functions prescribed in the Constitution and provided in this Act. The Commission shall be an agency attached to the Department for policy and program coordination. It shall be composed of a Chairperson, four (4) regular Commissioners, and the President of the League of Provinces as ex-officio member. Three (3) of the regular commissioners shall come from the civilian sector who are neither active nor former members of the police or military, one (1) of whom shall be designated as vice chairperson by the President. The fourth regular commissioner shall come from the law profession and must be a member of the bar: Provided, that, at least one (1) of the**

commissioners shall be a woman. The Secretary of the Department shall be the ex-officio Chairperson of the Commission. If the Secretary of the Department is a former/active police or military officer, he shall be disqualified from sitting as Chairperson of the Commission, in which case the Department's next in rank shall become the Chairperson. In all cases no former/active police or military officer shall sit as Chairperson. The vice chairperson shall act as the executive officer of the Commission."

SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. *Effectivity.* This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,