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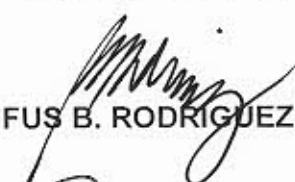
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Philippine Merchant Marine Academy (PMMA) was established in order to produce efficient and well trained merchant marine officers who can favorably compare with marine officers of progressive maritime countries sufficient to carry the expanding international trade in times of peace and capable of serving as a naval and military auxiliary in times of war and national emergency. The PMMA seeks to educate and train midshipmen/women to become qualified and competent merchant marine officers for shipboard and shore-based positions, in response to the global requirements of the expanding international maritime industry, competent and capable naval officers who can serve as naval and military auxiliaries in times of war and national emergencies and contributors to the improvement of maritime education and the pool of ship business managers through graduate school programs.

As it is, majority of the cadets entering the PMMA come from bigger cities and provinces and it is high time that we ensure a more balanced composition of every "Class" that graduates from the PMMA. One way to do this is to, as far as practicable, select at least one incoming cadet from every congressional district every year.

This way, aspiring cadets from far-flung areas are given a chance to fulfill their dreams of becoming merchant marine and naval officers.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

**MANDATING THAT THE PHILIPPINE MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY
SELECT ONE CADET EACH FROM EVERY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
EVERY YEAR TO COMPRISE ITS INCOMING "CLASS"**

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby mandated that the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy (PMMA) reserve one slot each for one cadet for every congressional district in the Philippines in order to ensure that every "Class" that graduates from the time of the effectivity of this Act be comprised of cadets made up of Filipinos from all over the Philippines: *Provided*, That each cadet will still have to pass and comply with all the current admission requirements of the PMMA: *Provided further*, That only upon determination that there is no qualified applicant from a certain legislative district will said slot be given to another qualified applicant irrespective of his/her domicile.

SEC 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the PMMA in coordination with the proper government agencies shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to ensure the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC 3. *Repealing Clause*. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC 4. *Effectivity Clause*. – This Act shall take effect after its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,