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Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez and
Representative Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr.

House Bill No. 5634

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine National Police Academy is the training of Cadets in order to develop them into public safety service officers imbued with professional competence, management leadership skills, sound moral character, and wholesome personality befitting that of a professional "law enforcer with a heart" based on strong democratic ideals, concepts and processes practiced as a way of life through academic freedom, the Honor System, and firm respect for authority and human rights. This is where the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) recruit their personnel and are appointed as Police, Fire and Jail Inspectors.

Among the qualifications to be able to enter the PNPA include one being a natural born Filipino citizen, of good moral character, single and with no parental and financial obligation to anybody, 17 to 21 years old at the time of admission and others.

The PNPA aims to provide comprehensive education and training programs to transform cadets into God-center, community-responsive public safety officers trusted and respected by the people. And it cannot be denied that among Filipinos, trust is more prevalent among those coming from the same province, city or legislative district. As such, it is only apt that the PNPA ensure that the membership of their ranks are equally distributed and come from all areas of the country. And 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 part of the ranks of the three uniformed bureaus of the Department of Interior and Local government, namely the PNP, BFP and the BJMP.

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


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AN ACT

**MANDATING THAT THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY
SELECT ONE CADET EACH FROM EVERY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
EVERY YEAR TO COMPRISE ITS "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 National Police Academy (PNPA) 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 PNPA: *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 PNPA and the Department of Interior and Local Government 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,