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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) are tasked everyday in ensuring public safety and providing a peaceful environment for everyone. They are among our first line of defense against criminals. Their work entails them to be in dangerous places and do dangerous works to preserve the peace and quiet of our community.

However, given the usual peril that their work demands, our police are unfortunately ill-equipped. They, most of the time, have inadequate equipment to fight off criminal elements who are armed with weapons that are more technologically advanced than what our police possess. Such situation increases the risks that our policemen face everyday.

The lack of budget in the PNP limits the equipment available to our police. It does not, however, limit their capability to fulfil their duties effectively. They put their lives on the line everyday. Oftentimes, when an unfortunate incident occurs, such as death, or injuries, the families and loved ones of these officers are the ones who suffer.

This bill seeks to provide financial assistance to families of policemen who perished, got injured, or disabled while in the line of duty. Although the amount to be given may not be big enough to compensate for the life of a loved one, it is hoped that the additional insurance will somehow help cushion the impact of the demise of their loved ones.

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


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE AND BENEFITS FOR
ALL MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE WHO ARE KILLED,
WOUNDED OR INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE
PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUMS AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Title.*** - This act shall be known as the "*PNP Insurance Coverage Act of*
2 *2013.*"

3 **SEC. 2. *Additional Insurance Coverage and Benefits.*** - In addition to any existing
4 insurance coverage and benefits given to members of the Philippine National Police (PNP), the
5 State shall obtain from the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) additional insurance
6 coverage for all members of the PNP providing the following additional benefits:

7 (a) Death benefits of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00) for all members
8 of the PNP who shall perish while in the line of duty;

9 (b) Disability benefits of up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00) for all
10 members of the PNP who shall suffer total or partial disability, whether permanent or
11 temporary, arising from any injury sustained in the line of duty;

12 (c) Reimbursement of actual medical expenses up to but not to exceed One Hundred
13 Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) for all PNP members who shall be hospitalized or who
14 shall require medical attendance for injuries sustained while in the line of duty.

1 **SEC. 3. Disqualification from benefits.** – No benefits shall be given to any
2 member of the PNP or his beneficiaries if and when the death, injury, or sickness is
3 occasioned or caused by any of the following:

- 4 (a) Willful intention to injure or kill oneself;
5 (b) Notorious negligence;
6 (c) Commission of a crime (by the PNP member);
7 (d) Unauthorized absence or abandonment of office for at least one (1) year prior
8 to the incident causing the death, injury or sickness.
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10 **SEC 4. Actuarial Study.** – The GSIS shall, within sixty (60) days from the
11 effectivity of this Act, conduct an actuarial study to determine the premiums to be paid
12 corresponding to the benefits and coverage provided under this Act as specified under
13 Section 2 hereof.
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15 **SEC. 5. Appropriation.** - The National Government shall appropriate annually
16 and include in the General Appropriations Act the amount corresponding to the total
17 annual insurance premium/s necessary to provide for the additional coverage and benefits
18 under Section 2 based on the actuarial study under Section 4 hereof.
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20 **SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The GSIS, in coordination with
21 the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Philippine National
22 Police (PNP), shall promulgate and issue the rules and regulations necessary to
23 implement the provisions of this Act within ninety (90) days from effectivity of this Act.
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25 **SEC. 7. Separability Clause.** – If for any reason any provision or section of this
26 Act is declared unconstitutional, such part or portions not affected thereby shall remain in
27 full force and effect.
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29 **SEC. 8. Repealing Clause.** - Any other issuances, laws, decrees, orders, rules and
30 regulations, or parts thereof not consistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
31 accordingly.
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33 **SEC. 9. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
34 publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,