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HOUSE BILL NO. 1105



Introduced by **REP. EVELINA G. ESCUDERO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a Forensic Science Institute in the University of the Philippines System (1) To promote research and development in the various fields of forensic science and advance the search for truth; (2) To enhance the competence and capabilities of existing laboratories in the country and prepare them for accreditation; (3) To develop a corps of professionals and prepare them for a career in forensic science; and (4) To train and upgrade the technical, scientific and management skills of personnel presently involved in forensic science so as to improve the administration of justice.

Forensic science, often known as forensics, applies a broad spectrum of sciences and technologies to investigate and establish facts of interest in relation to criminal or civil law

As such, it is a specialized subject with unlimited applications and thus of inherent interest to the justice system. Other countries have already made steps in developing their forensic science capabilities and have already begun reaping the rewards with better techniques in evidence gathering and airtight cases in litigation.

Thus, earnest passage of this bill is sought.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE IN THE
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Forensic Science Institute Act.”

2 **SEC.2. Creation and objective of the Institute.** – There is hereby created a Forensic
3 Science Institute in the University of the Philippines System with the following objectives:
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- 5 a. To promote research and development in the various fields of forensic science and
6 advance the search for truth;
7 b. To enhance the competence and capabilities of existing laboratories in the country
8 and prepare them for accreditation;
9 c. To develop a corps of professionals and prepare them for a career in forensic science;
10 and
11 d. To train and upgrade the technical, scientific and management skills of personnel
12 presently involved in forensic science so as to improve the administration of justice.
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14 **SEC. 3. Delegation of Authority to the Board of Regents.** – The Board of Regents of
15 the University of the Philippines System is hereby authorized to establish the Forensic Science
16 Institute under the direct supervision of the Office of the President of the University, which shall
17 have a faculty and staff with expertise in the disciplines of biology, chemistry, law, molecular
18 biology, social sciences, statistics and other pertinent disciplines, who may be drawn within the
19 system or outside.
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21 **SEC. 4. Functions of the Institute.** – The Forensic Science Institute will have the
22 following functions:
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- 24 a. To provide competent, scientific and advance medical and technical services for the
25 detection and investigation of crimes;
26 b. To maintain a network of modern laboratories for the development and adoption of
27 analytical methods and procedures related to forensic evidence;
28 c. To offer degree and non-degree programs to students inclined towards the various
29 areas of forensic science;
30 d. To undertake research in all fields of forensic science; and

- 31 e. To provide continuing education on modern scientific methods and instrumentation
32 and on validation of forensic evidence to technicians and personnel laboratories,
33 medical centers and educational institutions.
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35 **SEC. 5. Implementing Authority.** – The Board of Regents of the University of the
36 Philippines System is hereby mandated to formulate implementing guidelines to carry out the
37 provisions of this Act and to take appropriate steps to ensure that the establishment of the
38 Forensic Science Institute shall aim at the speedy realization of the objectives and at the
39 execution of the powers and functions stated above. Towards this end, the Board shall determine
40 the structure, composition, and size of the Institute's faculty and staff.
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42 **SEC. 6. Appropriations.** – The amount of Three Hundred Million Pesos
43 (P300,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not
44 otherwise appropriated to carry out the objectives and provisions of this Act from its effectivity
45 until the next fiscal year. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions
46 of the Act shall be included in subsequent annual General Appropriations Act under the
47 University of the Philippines System.
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49 **SEC. 7. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, rules and regulations or part thereof contrary to or
50 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
51 accordingly.
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53 **SEC. 8. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect upon its approval fifteen (15) days
54 following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspaper of general circulation in
55 the Philippines.
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57 *Approved,*