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EXPLANATORY NOTE

About 60 ethnic minority groups in the Philippines exist and still practice their traditional customs. Each group differs from each other according to how their ethnic roots were preserved. They are located in most areas of central and northern Luzon, Mindoro, Palawan, western Mindanao and Sulu Islands. Not being subdued to any colonial rule, they were able to preserve their ethnic practices freely. Most of them have their own dialects and ethnic writing different from what ordinary Filipino use. Because of their almost inaccessible locations, the government has designated several agencies to help them adapt to the present way of life. Livelihood trainings and other forms of education were conducted to enhance their living conditions.

Further, in order for the members of the ethnic minority groups to be fully integrated into the society, they must be given priority in the recruitment to Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police.

In view thereof, immediate approval of this Bill is sought.

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AN ACT

GIVING PRIORITY TO MEMBERS OF ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS IN THE
RECRUITMENT TO ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE

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

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared policy of the State
to fully integrate members of the ethnic minority groups into the society.

**Section 2. Recruitment of Members of Ethnic Minority Groups to Armed
Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police.** – Members of
ethnic minority groups shall be given priority in the recruitment of members of the
Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police.

Section 3. Rules and Regulations. The Department of National Defense
and the Department of Interior and Local Government shall issue rules and
regulations to implement this Act. Said rules shall be published in at least two (2)
national newspapers of general circulation.

Section 4. Separability Clause. – Should any provision of this Act or any part
thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, so far as they are separable from
the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, orders, issuances, rules and
regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.