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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The AFP Modernization Act was established to undertake reforms in the management of AFP personnel, among others. One of its main thrusts was to be able to orient members of the AFP towards a people-oriented military service. While the existing undergraduate programs may serve to implement most of the AFP's task, the need to introduce a masteral studies program appears to be the next logical step to be able to further develop the AFP's skills. As a key player in national development, the AFP must see to it that its members continually enrich themselves both in training and academic skills. The proposed masteral program will foster an environment set for higher learning and will train the younger officers to be effective military managers.

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

  
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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, BY GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY**  
**ACADEMY (PMA) THE POWER TO CONFER MASTERAL DEGREES UPON**  
**OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP)**

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. It is a policy of the State to give priority to education and to establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.

SECTION 2. Sub-paragraph (4), Section 58, Chapter 9, Subtitle II, Title VIII, Book 9 of Executive Order no, 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 58. Organization xxx

(4) There shall be an Academic Board organized by the Chief of Staff, which shall be composed of not more than fifteen (15) members selected from the officers of the Academy upon recommendation of the Superintendent. The Board shall, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Chief of Staff, have the power to confer baccalaureate degrees upon the cadets who satisfactorily complete the approved UNDERGRADUATE course of study, AS WELL AS CONFER THE MASTERAL DEGREES UPON OFFICERS OF AFP WHO SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE THE APPROVED GRADUATE COURSE OF STUDY.”

SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,