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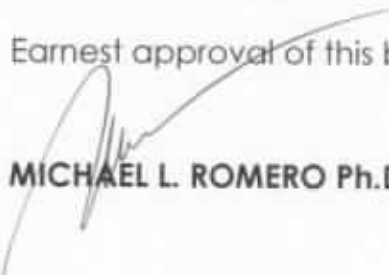
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The **Bureau of Jail Management and Penology** (BJMP) is an attached agency of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) mandated to direct, supervise and control the administration and operation of all district, city and municipal jails in the Philippines with pronged tasks of safekeeping and development of its inmates.

It was created on January 2, 1991 by virtue of Republic Act No. 6975 also known as the Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990. Prior to its creation, the Office of Jail Management and Penology then the Philippine Constabulary - Integrated National Police was the agency handling the local penology of the Philippines. It aimed to separate the agency from the national police, reporting directly to the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government.

This House Bill seeks to foster the principal mandates of the BJMP: to direct, supervise and control the administration and operation of all district, city and municipal jails nationwide with pronged tasks of safekeeping and development of inmates and to provide additional funding to promote its operational and administrative services.

Earnest approval of this bill is hereby requested.


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**AN ACT
TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE BUREAU OF JAIL
MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), ASSURING CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS, TO PROMOTE COMMITMENT, RESPECT FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS, EFFICIENCY, COMPETENCE AND TEAMWORK, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Title — This Act shall be known as the "Bureau of Jail
Management and Penology Development Act of 2017."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy – it shall be the policy of the state to:

- a. Formulate policies and guidelines in the administration of all district, city, and municipal jails nationwide;
- b. Implement strong security measures for the control of inmates;

- c. Provide for the basic needs of inmates;
- d. Conduct activities for the development of inmates;
- e. Improve jail facilities; and,
- f. Promote the general welfare and development of personnel.

Towards this end,

The State shall hereby provide an additional authorize funding of Five hundred million pesos **(P500,000,000.00)** to evolve and implement a comprehensive national program to take operational and administrative control over all city, district and municipal jails to meet all the related needs and to maintain the continuity of its mandate.

SECTION 3. Appropriations — The amount of Five hundred million pesos **(P500,000,000.00)** necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the implementing agency in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of the year following its enactment into law and every year thereafter.

The state shall hereby authorize the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) to re-align its appropriations, in the current year of the date of the effectivity of this Act to conform with its mandate and requirements.

SECTION 4. Core Programs – the BJMP is hereby mandated to implement the following:

- a. Inmates custody, security and control program;
- b. Inmates welfare and development program;

- c. Decongestion program; and
- d. Good governance

SECTION 5. Core Attributes – the BJMP is hereby mandated to carry-out the following:

- Continuous skills enhancement of personnel;
- Ability to establish linkages and Partnerships;
- Responsive Planning;
- Timely decision-making; and
- Expedient implementation

SECTION 6. Periodic Reports - The BJMP shall submit periodic reports on its findings and make recommendations on actions to be taken by Congress and Senate and the appropriate department, and in order to carry out the objectives and mandates of this Act.

SECTION 7. Automatic Review - Every three **(3) years** after the effectivity of this Act, an independent review panel composed of experts to be appointed by the President shall review the policies and programs in the BJMP and shall make recommendations, based on its findings, to the President and to both Houses of Congress.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause. If, for any reason or reasons, any portion or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved ,