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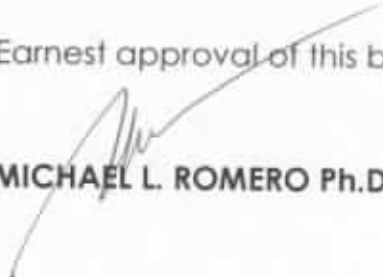
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Notwithstanding the provisions of Republic Act No. 6975 on the organizational structure and rank classification of the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Commission shall conduct a management audit, and prepare and submit to Congress a proposed reorganization plan of the PNP not later than December 31, 1998, subject to the limitations provided under RA8551 and based on the following criteria: **a)** increased police visibility through dispersal of personnel from the headquarters to the field offices and by the appointment and assignment of non-uniformed personnel to positions which are purely administrative, technical, clerical or menial in nature and other positions which are not actually and directly related to police operation; and **b)** efficient and optimized delivery of police services to the communities.

The PNP reorganization program shall be approved by Congress through a joint resolution.

This House Bill Seeks to organized and to ensure accountability and uprightness in police exercise of discretion as well as to achieve efficiency and effectiveness of its members and units in the performance of their functions and to provide funds thereof.

Earnest approval of this bill is hereby requested.


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**AN ACT
TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
POLICE (PNP), TO FOSTER THE SUPPRESSION OF INSURGENCY
AND OTHER SERIOUS THREATS TO NATIONAL SECURITY, 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 "Philippine National Police
Development Act of 2017."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy – It is hereby declared the policy of the State
to establish a highly efficient and competent police force which is national in
scope and civilian in character administered and controlled by a national
police commission.

The Philippine National Police (PNP) shall be a community and service oriented
agency responsible for the maintenance of peace and order and public safety.

The PNP shall be so organized to ensure accountability and uprightness in police exercise of discretion as well as to achieve efficiency and effectiveness of its members and units in the performance of their functions. Towards this end,

The State shall hereby provide an additional authorize funding of Two Billion pesos (**P2,000,000,000.00**) to evolve and implement a comprehensive national program to the suppression of insurgency and other serious threats to national security and to maintain the continuity of its mandate.

SECTION 3. Appropriations — The amount of Two Billion pesos (**P2,000,000,000.00**) 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 Philippine National Police (PNP) 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. Role of the PNP in Counter-Insurgency Functions – The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall be relieved of the primary responsibility on matters involving the suppression of insurgency and other serious threats to national security.

The Philippine National Police shall, through information gathering and performance of its ordinary police functions, support the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) on matters involving suppression of insurgency, except in cases where the President shall call on the PNP to support the AFP in combat operations.

In times of national emergency, the PNP, the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) shall, upon the direction of the President, assist the armed forces in meeting the national emergency.

SECTION 5. Periodic Reports - The PNP 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 6. 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 PNP and shall make recommendations, based on its findings, to the President and to both Houses of Congress.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. 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 9. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,