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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **5782**

Introduced by: HON. ARNOLFO "Arnie" A. TEVES, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend SECTION 51(A), RA 6975 AS AMENDED BY RA 8551, which currently, confers to the the Provincial Governor the authority to appoint Provincial Directors in their area of jurisdiction.

Facts have it that the power of the Provincial Governor in the appointment of Provincial Directors in their area of jurisdiction has been the subject of abuse and impropriety. There is thus a pressing need to amend the PNP Law in order to provide check and balance in the appointment of Provincial Directors. District Representatives within the Province ought to be given the authority to confirm or reject the appointment of a Provincial Director or to decide unanimously with the Governor to prevent abuse of this appointing authority.

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

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**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 51(A), RA 6975,
AS AMENDED BY RA 8551**

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

TITLE I
✧ TITLE AND DECLARATION OF POLICY

Section 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Philippine National Police Reform and Reorganization Act of 1998".

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy and Principles.* – 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.

TITLE II

PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVES AND DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PNP

Section 3. Section 51 (a) (1) of Republic Act No. 6975 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) Provincial Governor and District Representatives– (1) Power to Choose the Provincial Director. – The provincial governor, with the positive concurrence of the Member(s) of the House of Representative in the province, shall choose the provincial director from a list of three (3) eligible recommended by the PNP regional director. In the event of a conflict in the choice of provincial director between the governor and the district representative(s), or in case of failure of the governor and district representative(s) to agree on the choice of provincial director, then the PNP Director General shall be authorized to choose from among the recommended candidates.

Section 4. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.


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