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Introduced by **MAGDALO Party-List Representative**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine National Police, whose mandate is embodied in their motto, "to serve and protect" means that the national police force, aside from performing traditional police work, is a police of the people, for the people, and by the people. The civilian nature of the Philippine National Police provides that the police works at the behest of the Filipino people, not above it. Recent developments, however, have revealed a troubling pattern of police brutality.

The National Police Commission might have had the sagacious prescience for this downward turn for the Philippine National Police, when back in 2007, through Resolution No. 2007-247, NAPOLCOM established the Philippine National Police Human Rights Affairs Office (PNP-HRAO). PNP-HRAO has had significant accomplishments, but the signs of the times now call for its further empowerment to extend its scope and establish it as a staturorily enabled human rights center within the organization.

This proposed legislation seeks to enable a paradigmatic shift from the output-oriented paradigm of police work into a more outcome-oriented service, which emphasizes the importance of the supremacy of civilian authority, the rule of law and basic human rights.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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- 1 c. Integrate into PNP efforts and develop systematic implementation of
2 human rights programs and activities in relation to laws such as Republic Act
3 No. 7192, "Women in Development and Nation Building Act," Republic Act No.
4 9710, "Magna Carta of Women Act of 2009," and Republic Act No. 9262,
5 "Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004."
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7 d. Provide policy advisory service to all units of the national police;
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9 e. Serve as the clearing house for information campaign on social issues
10 adopted by the PNP. As such, it is empowered to review, revise or develop a
11 new campaign material for use of the police;
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13 f. Serve as project management and planning office of the PNP as regards all
14 cooperation on human right with other government agencies, non-
15 governmental organizations, professional associations, and international
16 organizations.
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18 g. Monitor the conduct of internal investigation of human rights violations
19 involving its PNP personnel;
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21 h. Establish and maintain linkages with concerned agencies and non-
22 governmental organizations with programs on human rights, including
23 investigative bodies handling human rights complaints against PNP
24 personnel; and
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26 i. Perform other duties as recommended or directed by the Chief PNP
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29 **SEC. 4. Composition and Member Qualifications.**—The HRAO shall be headed by the
30 Chief Human Rights Director with the support of two (2) Deputy Human Rights Directors, one of
31 whom shall have the rank of Police Superintendent, and the other shall be civilian; *Provided* that
32 the Head of HRAO shall be a civilian who, at the time of appointment, must not be less than forty
33 (40) years old, must have a minimum of five (5) years direct supervisory experience in programme
34 or project management, and must either be a member of the Philippine Bar in good standing, or
35 have a postgraduate degree in human rights, national security, social science, or related disciplines.
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37 The HRAO shall have three (3) divisions, namely: (a) Legal, Complaints and Investigation;
38 (b) Research, Training and Education; and (c) Policy and Advocacy.
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40 **SEC. 5. Appropriations.**—Funding requirements for all programs shall be charged to the
41 funds of the National Treasury not otherwise unappropriated. Thereafter, funding requirements
42 shall be included in annual appropriations of the Philippine National Police.
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44 **SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.**—Within ninety (90) days from the approval
45 of this Act, the PNP, with the assistance of the Department of Justice, Commission on Human
46 Rights, Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council, Philippine Commission on Women, and Philippine

1 Human Rights Committee shall adopt and issue the rules and regulations for the effective
2 implementation of this Act.

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4 **SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.***—All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, presidential
5 proclamations, letters of implementation, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the
6 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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8 **SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.***—If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
9 unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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11 **SEC. 5. *Effectivity.***—This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
12 Official Gazette in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,