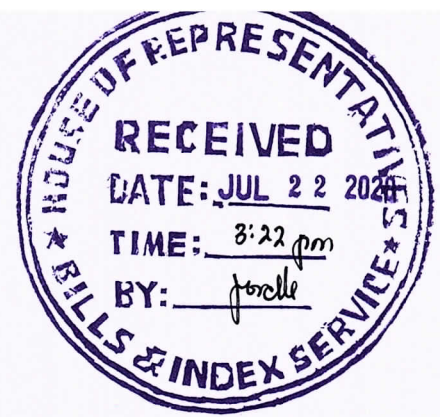


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This measure seeks to amend Section 24 of Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990, to include the establishment of a National Police Clearance System among the functions of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Local police databases are presently not integrated and connected. Hence, one who has derogatory information with the police station of the place where he or she resides and wishes to conceal such information may simply obtain a police clearance from the police station of another locality. The establishment of a National Police Clearance System that will consolidate relevant information and records and protect the integrity of police clearances and, through the use of information and communications technology, help modernize an important law enforcement tool of the PNP and provide for a streamlined and convenient application process for those who wish to obtain police clearances.

Accordingly, the support of the Members of Congress for the prompt passage of this measure is earnestly requested.

  
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AN ACT  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990, TO  
PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL POLICE CLEARANCE  
SYSTEM

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

SECTION 1. Section 24 of Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 24. Powers and Functions. – The PNP shall have the following powers and functions:

x            x            x

(h) [Perform such other duties and exercise all other functions as may be provided by law.] ESTABLISH AND OPERATIONALIZE A NATIONAL POLICE CLEARANCE SYSTEM, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL POLICE CLEARANCES AND THE MAINTENANCE OF A NATIONAL RECORD OF ALL REPORTED CRIME INCIDENTS, WARRANTS OF ARREST, PHOTOS AND PERTINENT DETAILS OF ARRESTED AND WANTED PERSONS, FINGERPRINTS, AND BALLISTIC EXAMINATION RECORDS.

(I) PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AND EXERCISE ALL OTHER FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE PROVIDED BY LAW.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior and Local Government shall issue the rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,