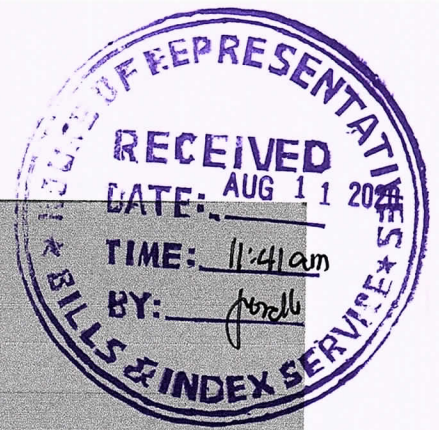




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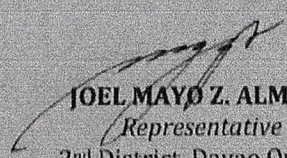
In line with the objectives of the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 to attain inclusive and sustainable peace through intensified development and other peace-building initiatives in conflict-affected and vulnerable communities, pursuant to Executive Order 70 series of 2018, the Philippine National Police Regional Office (PRO) 11 launched the Revitalized Pulis sa Barangay (RPSB) in City of Mati, Davao Oriental. It has been reported by PRO 11 that the said program has significant impact in barangay governance, particularly in strengthening barangay-based institutions and service delivery.

The National Security Policy 2017-2022 calls for the end of all armed threats in the Philippines and recognizes that internal socio-political stability rests upon healing the rifts that divide the nation by promoting participatory governance, synergy of government development efforts, and enhancing the participation and responsibilities of local government units (LGU).

The sustained gains of the program and the pursuit of an effective police-community partnership in support to sustained barangay-based anti-crime strategy will definitely help in attaining peace and unity in conflict-affected and vulnerable communities.

The increase and improvement of police visibility throughout the archipelago will contribute significantly in ending local armed conflict.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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1 **AN ACT**
2 **INSTITUTIONALIZING THE REVITALIZED BARANGAY POLICE**
3 **PROGRAM OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND**
4 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE**
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6 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the*
7 *Philippines in Congress assembled:*
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9 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the “Revitalized
10 Barangay Police Act”.
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12 **SEC. 2.** It is the declared policy of the state to renounce war as
13 an instrument of national policy.
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15 The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life,
16 liberty and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are
17 essential for enjoyment by all the people of blessings of democracy.
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19 The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will
20 ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the
21 people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social
22 services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an
23 improved quality of life for all.
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25 **SEC. 3.** The Department of Interior and Local Government
26 (DILG), in coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP), is

hereby directed to supervise the faithful execution and implementation of the Revitalized Barangay Police (RBP).

SEC. 4. All barangays shall have at least one (1) Barangay Police designated in their respective locality.

SEC 5. The Barangay Police shall have the following qualifications:

- a. They shall be members of the Philippine National Police;
- b. They must be native to the barangay;
- c. They must be fluent in the dialect of the locality.

SEC. 7. The Secretary of the DILG shall include in the Department's program the operation of the RBP, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 8. Within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the DILG shall, in coordination with other relevant agencies, and in consultation with the concerned LGUs and stakeholders, prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 9. If, for any reason, any of the sections or provisions of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

SEC. 10. All other laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,