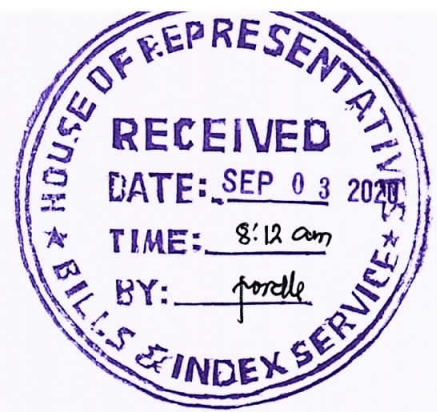


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**AN ACT FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE THROUGH
DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION & FACILITY UPGRADE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution provides that it is the policy of the State to maintain peace and order, protection of life, liberty, property, and promotion of the general welfare of the country. Through the years, the Philippine National Police (PNP) has been the primary law enforcement agency tasked with this responsibility to the Filipino people.

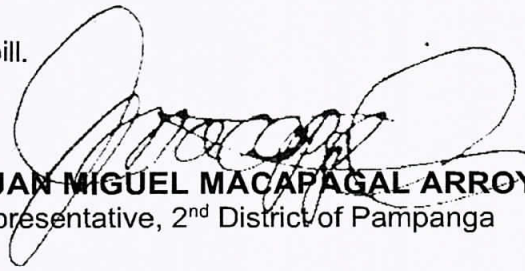
In line with recent events however, it has become even more crucial to protect the common citizen against violence perpetuated by the war on drugs, lone and organized crimes against the common Filipino. To date, the Philippine National Police continue to serve as the frontline defense against said threats.

It is therefore paramount to empower and equip the Philippine National Police (PNP) with an upgrade of facilities, digital transformation, and over-all modernization of field equipment and other tools needed to efficiently respond to any incident that may threaten peace and order stemming from the abovementioned sources.

While trying to protect the nation, the organization faces other challenges such as insufficient funding as well as a tedious procurement process.

To address the latter concern, the primary components of this PNP digital transformation & facility upgrade program are as follows: improvement of command center facilities, computerization of manual repetitive processes as well as field equipment acquisitions. More importantly, it includes the development and technology transfer to human resources in order to improve skills and maximize efficiency. This program aims to make the Philippine National Police more highly capable than ever before. It is also this program's purpose to provide the Philippine National Police with the necessary funding.

It is for this reason that I seek approval of this bill.



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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This act shall be known as the **PNP Digital Transformation & Facility Upgrade Act of 2020.**

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared the policy of the State to empower the Philippine National Police through the digital transformation of their manual administrative processes, the upgraded and enhancement of its facilities, tools and investigative equipment in order to efficiently and intelligently protect the nation from crime and in support of national security.

SECTION 3. *Components of the PNP Digital Transformation & Facility Upgrade Program.* Based on the PNP mandates for fighting crime, investigating terror networks and surveillance, this Program shall consist of the following components:

- 1) Digital Transformation – The objectives of this component are:
 - a) To computerize all police records in order to be accessible from a computer and from mobile phones.
 - b) To upgrade the current data center to support nationwide precincts and police stations in line with the sharing of information between regions to support the effort in protecting national security as well as the common citizen's rights.
 - c) To implement an Investigative Data Intelligent Analysis Platform to enhance the PNP to make informed decisions and respond accordingly.
 - d) To implement Cybercrime Threat Hunting Systems.

2) Facility Upgrade – The objectives of this component are:

- a) To upgrade and re-build up to two (2) Central Nerve Command & Response Center to support nationwide field operatives and investigative functions in the war against terror.
- b) To upgrade and rebuild facilities for training and skills enhancement.
- c) To upgrade Communications and Visual Equipment for Field Officers.
- d) To implement an Asset Management Process.

SECTION 4. *Submission of the PNP Digital Transformation & Facility Upgrade Program.* Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this act, the Chief of the Philippine National Police, who will be in consultation with the National Police Commission and the Department of Finance, shall submit the PNP Digital Transformation & Facility Upgrade Program to the Congressional Oversight Committee for consideration and approval. The submitted paper should include:

- 1) The trends and current landscape in today's fight against national security as well as in keeping peace and order in today's new normal.
- 2) The requirements in order to efficiently handle their mandates of fighting crime, organized criminal networks, and terror groups.
- 3) The detailed project activities of the PNP Digital Transformation & Facility Upgrade project that needs to be executed. It must be written with each activity's objective in mind.
- 4) The priorities, schedules and phases of implementation
- 5) The estimated costs for each phase and activity

SECTION 5. *Procurement System.* Keeping in line with existing laws, rules and regulations with regard to procurement and acquisitions, the PNP strengthens its procurement system and procedures by taking into consideration the following:

- a) The PNP shall give preference to qualified domestic entities that participate in the procurement process.
- b) All training and skills transfer to the PNP personnel to operate and maintain the equipment and the technology become the property of the PNP.
- c) With the approval of Congress and the President, the Chief of the PNP with regard to this Digital Transformation & Facility Upgrade Program may enter into multi-year contracts. Such agreements must contain terms and conditions favorable to the government.
- d) Copies of these multi-year contract agreements must be submitted to the Congressional Oversight Committee, Secretary of Finance and Secretary of Budget and Management.
- e) The funds to be appropriated for the PNP Digital Transformation & Facility Upgrade Program under the approval of this act shall be treated as a distinct and

separate budget item from the regular appropriations of the Department of Interior and Local Government.

SECTION 6. *Prioritization of PNP Digital Transformation & Facility Upgrade Program.* Within 90 days from the effectivity of this act, the PNP through the NAPOLCOM must submit to Congress the schedule of projects and activities as well as the estimated average costs for approval. This will be the basis for appropriate and legislative action in order to be granted immediate implementation said program.

SECTION 7. *Appropriation for PNP Digital Transformation & Facility Upgrade Program.* The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act or Program shall be treated as a separate line item from the regular appropriations of the Department of Interior and Local Government and the PNP.

SECTION 8. *Period of Implementation.* The PNP Digital Transformation & Facility Upgrade Program shall be implemented within a period of 180 days or as soon as physically possible.

SECTION 9. *Congressional Oversight Committee.* The Committee shall be composed of six (6) members from the Senate and six (6) members from the House of Representatives. The Chairman of the committee on Public Order and the committee on Finance of both houses are to serve as chairpersons.

SECTION 10. *Program Reports.* At the end of the implementation, execution and realization of the PNP Digital Transformation & Facility Upgrade Program, the Chief of the Philippine National police (PNP) must accomplish the following:

- a) Submit to the President and to Congress the result and status of the implementation of PNP Digital Transformation & Facility Upgrade Program.
- b) Submit to the President and to Congress an assessment of how the implemented program is serving its objectives, as well as a report of ongoing support activities that may be occurring.

SECTION 11. *Separability Clause.* If any part of this act is declared unconstitutional, such declaration should not affect the other parts or sections of this Act.

SECTION 12. *Repealing Clause.* All other existing laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act shall be repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take affect after fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers with national circulation or in the Official Gazette.