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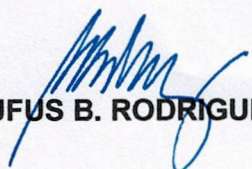
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine National Police (PNP) is tasked to maintain peace and order and ensure that safety of the Filipino people.

To do this, the PNP has to adapt to the current situation, and transform and develop itself in order to properly respond to new and emerging threats. To do so, we also need to ensure that we continue to strengthen the PNP and revitalize its ranks. We also need to ensure that the PNP maintains accountability and uprightness in police exercise of discretion.

This bill seeks to strengthen the Internal Affairs Service of the PNP to be able to properly perform its functions of being the monitoring body of the character and behavior of all policemen and operates as the investigating and adjudicatory body on all administrative offenses committed by PNP personnel.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 40 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, OR THE "PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1998", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 40 of Republic Act No. 8551 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC 40. **IAS Organization.** – National, regional, and provincial offices of the Internal Affairs shall be established. Internal Affairs Service shall be headed by an Inspector General who shall be assisted by a Deputy Inspector General **WITH THE RANK OF POLICE MAJOR GENERAL**. The [area] **REGIONAL INTERNAL AFFAIRS** offices shall be headed by a Director **WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL**, while the provincial offices shall be headed by a [Superintendent] **DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE COLONEL**: Provided, That the head of the Internal Affairs Service shall be a civilian who shall meet the qualification requirements provided herein."

SECTION 2. The amount necessary to cover the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Philippine National Police. Thereafter, the amount necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the PNP.

SECTION 3. All other provisions of Republic Act No. 8551, otherwise known as the 'Philippine National Police Reform and Reorganization Act of 1998', that have reference to the foregoing police offices and support units, the heads thereof and their corresponding ranks, and all other laws, executive orders, rules and regulations, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall be deemed modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,