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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Bureau of Fire Protection was established by virtue of Republic Act 6975 otherwise known as the "DILG Act of 1990". In the same law, the Philippine Public Safety College was also established as the premier training institution for the three public safety services, namely: the Philippine National Police, the Bureau of Fire Protection and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology. PPSC was established to demilitarize law enforcement in the Philippines, pledging civilian administration over the reorganized law enforcement bureaus. The administration of mandatory trainings for the BFP and other uniformed services under the DILG has been assigned to the PPSC primarily because of the insufficiency of personnel and perhaps the unpreparedness of the BFP for such undertaking during that time.

Significant changes have arrived since the implementation of the above law. The BFP has significantly increased its number of personnel and significantly improved their management and supervisory capabilities to handle the administration of a training center. The BFP has the budgetary capability to support the operations of the said training center as well.

Transferring the administration of the NFTI to the BFP would be a move in the right direction since it is the ideal change to happen. NFTI, which is exclusively responsible for the trainings of the BFP personnel, would be fittingly managed by the BFP organization itself. Having the freedom to manage, craft policies and craft programs of instructions would highly benefit the BFP and the trainees in particular.

In fact, the PNP had already acquired the administration of the National Police Training Institute, which facilitates the mandatory trainings of their personnel through Republic 11279 implemented last 2018. For the same reason, the BFP as a co-equal and similar bureau of the PNP is immensely capable in handling the administration of NFTI as well.

Further, transferring the administration of the NFTI to the BFP would eliminate finger-pointing and blame games between the BFP and PPSC every time a BFP personnel commits major mistakes in terms of the performance of his duty and or with regards to his behavior in the community.



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2 **AN ACT**  
3 **TRANSFERRING THE NATIONAL FIRE TRAINING INSTITUTE**  
4 **(NFTI) FROM THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC SAFETY COLLEGE (PPSC)**  
5 **TO THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP), AMENDING FOR**  
6 **THE PURPOSE SECTION 66, 67 and 68 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975,**  
7 **AS AMENDED BY RA 11279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE**  
8 **"DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
9 **ACT OF 1990"**  
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11 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippine*  
12 *Congress Assembled:*  
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14 **Section 1.** Section 67 of Republic Act No. 6975 is further amended to read as  
15 follows:  
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17 "Sec. 67 In addition, the BFP shall be responsible for the mandatory and  
18 leadership trainings of all Fire Non-Commissioned Officers (FNCOS). The  
19 supervision and control over the NFTI shall be established in the revised table  
20 of organization and equipment and staffing pattern under Section 68-8.

21 "The NFTI shall be headed by a Fire Brigadier General."

**Section 2.** Section 66 of RA 6975 as amended RA'11279 otherwise known as "an act transferring the PNPA and the NPTI from the PPSC to the PNP" is hereby amended to read as follows:

**“Sec. 66. Creation of the Philippine Public safety College.** - There is hereby created the Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC), which shall be the premier educational institution for the training of all personnel of Bureau of Jail and Penology and the provider of select mandatory career courses for Fire Commissioned officers, police commissioned officers and specialized courses for personnel of the PNP.

"The college shall be under the direct supervision of a Board of Trustees composed of the Secretary and the Three (3) bureau heads"

**Section 3.** Section 67 of RA 6975 as amended by RA 11279 otherwise known as "an act transferring the PNPA and the NPTI for the PPSC to the PNP" is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 67. Composition, Powers and Functions.** - The college shall consist of the National Police College, the National Police College, the National Forensic Science Training Institute, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, and other special training centers as may be created by the Department, whose functions shall be as follows:

- (a) Formulate and implement training programs for all personnel of the Jail Bureaus and other Training Centers under the Department;
- (b) Formulate and implement select mandatory career courses for Police

Commissioned Officers;

(c) Formulate and implement specialized courses for personnel of the PNP;

(d) Establish and maintain adequate physical training facilities;

(e) Develop and implement research and development to support educational training programs;

(f) Conduct an assessment of the training needs of all its clientele; and

(g) Perform such other related functions as may be prescribed by the Secretary.”

**Section 4.** A new Section 68-4 is hereby inserted to read as follows:

**"Sec. 68-A. Transfer of Personnel and Properties.** - The personnel and all the properties, facilities, records, equipment, funds, choses in action, appropriations, rights, functions, liabilities and other assets of the NFTI are hereby transferred to the BFP."

**Section 5.** A new Section 68-8 is hereby inserted to read as follows:

**"Sec.68-B. Transition.** - (a) Within one hundred twenty ('120) days from the effectivity of this act, the Chief of the BFP shall submit the revised table of organization and equipment and staffing pattern of the NFTI to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for approval. The revised table of organization and equipment and staffing pattern may include the reorganization and renaming of the existing BFP training offices and units, and the realignment of functions as may be necessary:

(b) The personnel of the FNTI shall be transferred from the PPSC to the BFP and continue to perform their duties and responsibilities and receive their corresponding salaries and benefits;

(c) The BFP, NFTI and PPSC shall jointly conduct an inventory of all the properties, facilities, records, equipment, funds, choses in action, appropriations, rights, functions, liabilities and other assets of the NFTI prior to their complete transfer to the BFP;

(d) The Secretary of the DILG and the Chief, BFP shall formulate and implement a five (5) year transition plan to ensure the smooth transfer of the NFTI to the BFP.

**Section 6.** Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this at, the BFP, in coordination with the PPSC and DILG shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

**Section 7.** The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the NFTI under the PPSC. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**Section 8.** In case any provision of this Act or any portion hereof is declared unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 9.** All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules, regulations, other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act ae hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

1 **Section 10.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete  
2 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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