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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **7886**



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG**

**AN ACT CREATING BARANGAY POLICE UNITS (BPU) THEREBY
ESTABLISHING POLICE STATIONS AT THE BARANGAY LEVEL, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 25, OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990"**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Government recognizes the vital role of the Barangay, being the smallest political unit in the country, serving as the primary planning and implementing unit of all government programs, basic services, projects, and activities. For our law enforcement units, barangay is viewed as the best partner to efficiently respond to various peace and order issues and concerns given the fact that it is strategically situated at the grassroots level.

However, the barangay is also observed as the most vulnerable unit for communist insurgency. At present, there are several conflict-vulnerable barangays being targeted by Communist-Terrorist Groups (CTGs), which can be attributed to: (i) weak governance at the barangay level; (ii) non-functionality of barangay peacekeeping and barangay-based institutions; (iii) inadequacy of national government support; and (iv) weak presence of law enforcement and security forces.

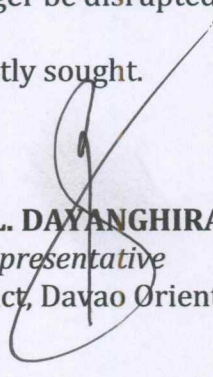
Under Section 25 of Republic Act 6975, otherwise known as the "*Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990*", the Philippine National Police (PNP) shall only be composed of a national office, regional offices, provincial offices, district offices, and city or municipal stations. Thus, making it not mandatory for the PNP to provide regular police unit at the barangay level.

To address this, this bill proposes for the creation of Barangay Police Unit (BPU) which shall be composed of a team headed by a team leader, who is a senior police non-commissioned officer. The BPU's primary functions shall include the following: (i) dismantling of CTG-influenced People's Organization; (ii) strengthening barangay-based institutions; (iii) establishing barangay-based peacekeeping institutions; and (iv) facilitating national government support.

Again, we share the same mission with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) in ensuring peace and order, public safety and security, upholding excellence in local government and enabling resilient and inclusive communities.

With this, we strongly hope that CTGs-affected barangays will be transformed into safe and conflict-resilient barangays; barangay-based institutions responsible for the delivery of basic services will be strengthened; and implementation of various development projects will no longer be disrupted.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 **Section 1.** Section 25 of Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the
2 "Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990", is hereby
3 amended as follows:

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5 "SECTION 25. Organization. — The PNP shall be headed by a Chief who
6 shall be assisted by two (2) deputy chief, one (1) for operations and
7 one (1) for administration, both of whom shall be appointed by the
8 President upon recommendation of the Commission from among the
9 most senior and qualified officers in the service: Provided, however,
10 That in no case shall any officer who has retired or is retirable within
11 six (6) months from his compulsory retirement age be appointed as
12 Chief of the PNP. The PNP shall be composed of a national office,
13 regional offices, provincial offices, district offices, city or municipal
14 stations, and barangay units

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16 At the national level, the PNP shall maintain its office in Metropolitan
17 Manila which shall house the directorial staff, service staff and special
18 support units.

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20 At the regional level, the PNP shall have regional offices, including that
21 of the National Capital Region, which may be divided into two (2)
22 separate regions without prejudice to the pertinent provisions of the
23 Organic Act for the Autonomous Regions of the Cordilleras and
24 Muslim Mindanao relative to the creation of a regional police force in

25 the area of autonomy. Each of these regional offices shall be headed by
26 a regional director for peace and order.

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28 At the provincial level, there shall be a PNP office, each headed by a
29 provincial director. In the case of large provinces, police districts may
30 be established by the Commission to be headed by a district director.

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32 At the city or municipal level, there shall be a PNP station, each headed
33 by a chief of police.

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35 At the Barangay level, there shall be a Barangay Police Unit (BPU) as
36 the smallest unit of the PNP, each BPU shall be composed of a team
37 headed by a team leader, who is a senior police non- commissioned
38 officer.

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40 The Chief of the PNP shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity
41 of this Act and in accordance with the broad guidelines set forth
42 herein, recommend the organizational structure and staffing pattern
43 of the PNP to the Commission.

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45 **Section 2.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations and/or
46 administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
47 are hereby amended, modified superseded or repealed accordingly

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49 **Section 3.** Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Chief of the
50 Philippine National Police shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the
51 effective implementation of this Act.

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53 **Section 4.** The amount necessary for establishing Barangay Police Stations, and
54 for carrying out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General
55 Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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57 **Section 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its full publication in a
58 newspaper of general circulation.

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60 Approved.