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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine National Police (PNP) uniform represents the noble authority and responsibility bestowed in the individual authorized to bear it. PNP insignias and other accoutrements are symbolic of the honor, dignity and the privilege of being a member of the organization tasked to enforce our laws and maintain peace and order.

Sadly, these PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements are easily accessible and can be procured by lawless criminal elements from any manufacturer, seller, including unscrupulous individuals and use it for their criminal activities.

There is a need to ensure that only legitimate members of the PNP will have access to their official uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements and that only authorized manufacturers, dealers and sellers will have the right to distribute the same.

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

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PUNISHMENT ON THE ILLEGAL MANUFACTURE, SALE, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) UNIFORMS, INSIGNIAS, AND ACCESSORIES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title* – This Act Shall be known as the PNP Uniform Act of 2024.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy* – It is the desire of the State that only the members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) has the exclusive authority to wear the prescribed and authorized PNP uniforms with proper insignias and other accoutrements while in performance of their official functions.

It is also the policy of the State to impose stricter measure on the regulation and control of the use, manufacture, sale, and distribution of PNP uniforms, insignias, and accoutrements and to penalize those who illegally manufacture, sell, and use the same.

SEC. 3. *General Guidelines* – The PNP ensures that those persons or entities that violate the intellectual property rights of the PNP, to the design and texture of its uniform and accoutrements, be put to justice thereby strengthening and institutionalizing the legal offensive needed to achieve such purpose.

Moreover, persons or entities authorized by the PNP to manufacture, sell and distribute PNP uniforms and accoutrements are also given the rights and privileges as exclusive distributors of the same in accordance with RA No. 8293, otherwise known as "Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines."

Likewise, all PNP uniformed personnel are expected to wear the prescribed and authorized uniforms at all times.

SEC. 4. *PNP Powers and Functions* – For the proper implementation of this Act, the PNP is empowered to perform the following powers and functions:

a) Issue guidelines to all PNP offices and units particularly on the implementation of National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) approved standard specifications for police uniforms and individual equipment;
b) Continue the application for patent on various police uniforms, insignias, and other accoutrements at the IPOPHL and disseminate the registered patents;
c) Issue Certificate of Conformity (COC) to legitimate manufacturers / suppliers / tailoring shops for the workmanship and fabric / material composition of police uniforms and individual equipment which have passed the appropriate test and evaluation conducted by DRD and different testing institutions;
d) Cancel issued COC to legitimate manufacturers / suppliers / tailoring shops who violate the PNP guidelines and policies on the sale and distribution of PNP uniforms, insignias and accoutrements;
e) Conduct plant / factory visits at known manufacturers, dealers, suppliers, and sellers of police uniforms;
f) Initiate the regular conduct of consultative meetings with authorized suppliers of PNP uniforms;
g) Conduct random inspection / survey of uniforms delivered to all PNP recruits to ensure that all uniforms and accoutrements delivered by the winning proponents are in accordance with the NAPOLCOM approved specifications;
h) Issue directive on the different types of police uniforms to be worn during the conduct of their police functions / activities;
i) Register all approved unit PNP patches / logos at NHCP;
j) Undertake research towards the improvement of security marks to detect substandard and fake police uniforms and individual equipment;
k) In the exercise of their law enforcement function, conduct operation against unauthorized persons or entities illegally manufacturing, selling, and distributing PNP uniforms and accoutrements;
l) Conduct annual review, assessment and feedback on the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Unlawful Acts* – It shall be unlawful for any person not member of the PNP, to use or wear the duly prescribed insignia, uniform, badge or emblem of rank of the members of the PNP, or any colorable imitation thereof; *Provided,* That the forgoing shall not be construed as prohibiting any person from using or wearing any PNP uniform, badge or emblem or rank in any playhouse or theater or in moving naval character not tending to bring discredit or reproach upon the PNP. *Provided further,* That the use or wearing of any PNP uniform as herein described, shall be subject to supervision and regulation by the NAPOLCOM.

The phrase, "duly prescribed insignia, uniform, badge or emblem of rank", shall, for the purpose of this Act, mean any insignia, uniform, badge or emblem of rank which is, or may hereafter be, prescribed by law or any policy of the PNP.

SEC. 6. *Penalty* – Any person who confers upon himself or another PNP grade or title in violation of Sections 5 and 6 of this Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than fifty thousand pesos (Php 50,000.00) and not exceeding one hundred thousand

pesos (Php 100,000.00) or by imprisonment of not less than five (5) years and not exceeding ten (10) years, or both at the discretion of the court.

In case the violation is committed by a corporation, the manager and all the members of the board of directors or governing body thereof shall be liable individually in accordance with this section.

SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – The Chief of the Philippine National Police, shall revise and promulgate the Rules and Regulations necessary to ensure the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,