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House Bill No. **10760**

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MICHAEL L. ROMERO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Citizen Armed Force or Armed Forces of the Philippines Reservist Act, is a comprehensive program that provides for the organization, training, and operation of reservists or Citizen Soldiers.

Thus, it is imperative to create a public corporation to encompass the **Reservists and Reservist Administrators' Federation of the Philippines**

The purposes of the Federation shall be to uphold and defend the democratic way of life as envisioned in the **1987 Constitution** of the Republic of the Philippines; to represent and to defend the interests of all Filipino reservists or reservist administrators; to coordinate the efforts of all different reservists or reservist administrators of the Philippines in behalf of the common interests of its members; to promote mutual help among reservists and reservist administrators; to perpetuate their common experiences in reserve force development; to undertake acts of charity and relief works; to assist in the preservation of peace and order; to foster love of country and inculcate individual civic consciousness in general.

The Federation shall exist solely for purposes of a benevolent character, and not for pecuniary profit of its members.

The Act seeks to expand the **Armed Forces of the Philippines** in the event of war, invasion, or rebellion; to assist in relief and rescue during disaster or calamities; to assist in socioeconomic development; and to assist in the operation and maintenance of essential government or private utilities in the furtherance of the overall mission.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael L. Romero', is written over a horizontal dashed line.

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AN ACT

**TO CREATE A PUBLIC CORPORATION TO BE KNOWN AS THE
RESERVISTS AND RESERVIST ADMINISTRATORS FEDERATION
OF THE PHILIPPINES, DEFINING ITS POWERS, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippine Congress Assembled:

SECTION 1. The distinguished persons/representatives, from the Association of Reservists and Reservist Administrators of the Philippines Incorporated (ARRAPI); of the National ROTC Alumni Association (NARAA); of the Reserve Officers Legion of the Philippines (ROLP) and their associates and successors are hereby created a body corporate, under the control and supervision of the Secretary of National Defense, under the name, style and title of "Reservists and Reservist Administrators Federation of the Philippines,"

hereinafter referred to as the Federation. The principal office of the Federation shall be in the City of Manila, Philippines.

SECTION 2. The said Federation shall have perpetual succession, with power to sue and be sued; to hold such real and personal property as shall be necessary for its purposes, and to receive real and personal property by gift, devise or bequest; to invest its funds for the exclusive benefit of the reservists and reservist administrators of the Philippines; to extend, within its capabilities, all necessary assistance, and operate such enterprises as may further the material or moral well-being of reservists and reservist administrators; to adopt a seal, and to alter or destroy the same at pleasure; to have offices and conduct its business and affairs in the City of Manila and/or provinces, cities, municipalities and barrios of the Philippines and to amend said laws, regulations and rules; to establish and operate branches of its office anywhere in the Philippines; to publish a magazine and/or other publications; and generally, to do all such acts and things as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act and to promote the purposes of said Federation.

Any action or decision of the Federation or the Supreme Council shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of National Defense.

SECTION 3. No association shall join the Federation unless its members are reservists or reservist administrators who are members of the reserve units or reserve commands of the AFP, respectively.

SECTION 4. The purposes of the Federation shall be to uphold and defend the democratic way of life as envisioned in the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines; to represent and to defend the interests of all Filipino reservists or reservist administrators; to coordinate the efforts of all different reservists or reservist administrators of the Philippines in behalf of the common interests of its members; to promote mutual help among reservists and reservist

administrators; to perpetuate their common experiences in reserve force development; to undertake acts of charity and relief works; to assist in the preservation of peace and order; to foster love of country and inculcate individual civic consciousness. In general, the Federation shall exist solely for purposes of a benevolent character, and not for pecuniary profit of its members.

SECTION 5. The Federation shall be non-sectarian and non-political in character, and that affiliation thereto shall not diminish one's duty to serve in the military as prescribed by law.

SECTION 6. The Federation shall have no power to issue certificates of stock or to declare or pay dividends, all funds in excess of operating expenses being reserved for disbursement, as the Supreme Council may authorize, for the purposes stated in Section Two of this Act.

SECTION 7. The governing body of the said Federation shall be its Supreme Council. The number, qualifications, manner of election, and terms of office of the members of this Supreme Council and the officers of the Federation shall be prescribed by its constitution and by-laws. The persons named in Section One of this Act shall constitute its Supreme Council. The persons elected for the term of office beginning January, twenty twenty-five, shall be the first officers of said Federation, to serve as such until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The by-laws shall prescribe the number of members of the Supreme Council necessary to constitute a quorum.

SECTION 8. An annual meeting of the affiliated members shall be held once every year after the date of the creation of the Federation, at such time and place as shall be prescribed in the constitution and by-laws, when the

annual report of the Federation shall be presented, and members of the Supreme Council and officers shall be designated and elected. Special meetings of the Supreme Council may be called upon such notice as prescribed in the constitution and by-laws, which shall further fix the number of affiliated members that constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting. The Supreme Council shall have the power to hold their meetings and keep the Federation's seal, books, documents, and papers at the Federation's principal office.

SECTION 9. The Federation is empowered to adopt its own insignia and uniforms. It shall have sole and exclusive right in the Philippines to have and to use the titles, emblems, uniforms, badges, insignia, descriptive or designating marks, words, and phrases used by it in carrying out its program in accordance with the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 10. Any donation or contribution which from time to time may be made to the Federation by the Government of the Philippines or any of its subdivisions, branches, offices, agencies, or instrumentalities shall be expended by the Supreme Council only for the purposes mentioned in this Act.

SECTION 11. PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS. Suspension, expulsion, and termination of membership, shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Federation.

SECTION 12. TAX EXEMPTION. The Federation is expressly exempted from payment of any taxes.

SECTION 13. On or before the last day of the month following the end of each fiscal year, the Federation shall make and transmit to the President of the Philippines or the Secretary of National Defense, a report of its proceedings for the past year, including a full, complete and itemized report of receipts and expenditures of whatever kind.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved