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HOUSE BILL NO. 1178

Introduced by Representative **MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

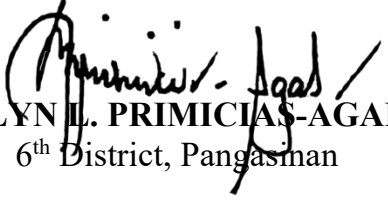
The proposed bill seeks to amend Section 19 of Republic Act No. 8551, otherwise known as the "*Philippine National Police Reform and Reorganization Act Of 1998*." This provision of law deals on "***The Field Training Program***" of **all uniformed members of the Philippine National Police (PNP)** wherein they have to undergo **twelve (12) months of actual experience and assignment in patrol, traffic, and investigation** as a requirement for the permanency of their appointment. The proposed amendment introduces the "Field Training Program (FTP) for Newly Appointed Police Non-Commissioned Officers (NAPNCO)" which shall "consist of the academic phase and Field Training Exercise (FTX)." This field training exercise includes "police-community relations in the police stations as active observers and passive performers"—in addition to the **actual experience and assignment in patrol, traffic, and investigation—as a requirement for permanency of their appointment.**

Another important matter which the amendment seeks to introduce involves the FTP for newly-appointed Police Commissioned Officers (NAPCO), except PNPA graduates, via lateral entry, i.e., professionals with highly technical qualifications like dentists, nurses, doctors, engineers, and lawyers, among others, who have been appointed as Police Lieutenants or Police Captains to do technical services. They are to undergo FTX consisting of an "integration phase, academic phase, and . . . [12 months of] actual experience and assignment in patrol, traffic, investigation, and police-community relations in the police stations as active observers and passive performers **as a requirement for permanency of their appointment.**" **However, the FTX of these commissioned officers shall have to be "tailored to their technical specialty."**

These amendments are so designed to provide a more comprehensive, community-friendly, and holistic training experience for the PNP's newly-appointed commissioned and non-commissioned officers. Considered in their entirety, the additional training requirements are strategic in what the PNP seek to achieve.

Without being unreasonable burdens, these requirements are intended to further elevate the PNP's training program geared towards forming a gentleman or woman befitting an honorable officer of the PNP.

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


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AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 19 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1998"

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

Section 1. Section 19 of Republic Act No. 8551, otherwise known as the "*Philippine National Police Reform and Reorganization Act of 1998*", is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 19. The Field Training Program.- All uniformed members of the PNP shall undergo a Field Training Program for twelve (12) months. **The Field Training Program (FTP) for Newly Appointed Police Non-Commissioned Officers (NAPNCO) shall consist of the academic phase and Field Training Exercise (FTX) involving actual experience and assignment in patrol, traffic, investigation and police-community relations in the police stations as active observers and passive performers as a requirement for permanency of their appointment.**

The FTP for Newly Appointed Police Commissioned Officers (NAPCO) via lateral entry, except PNPA graduates, shall consist of the integration phase, academic phase, and FTX involving actual experience and assignment in patrol, traffic, investigation, and police-community relations in the police stations as active observers and passive performers as a requirement for permanency of their appointment. Provided that technical officers shall undergo an FTX that is tailored to their technical specialty.

Section 2. Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NAPOLCOM En Banc shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its full publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,