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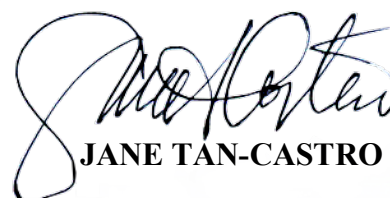
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine National Police, its officers, staff, and its officials, are the back-bone of our country in maintaining law and order, enforcing our laws, and preventing, investigating, and solving of crimes.

It would be a disservice to PNP if the organization will be a victim of unscrupulous individuals and criminal organizations who unlawfully use PNP Uniforms, insignias, and other accoutrements to conduct unlawful, and illegal activities.

This bill aims to ensure that only legitimate members of the PNP will have access to their official uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements; and that only legitimate manufacturers, dealers, and sellers will have the right to produce, distribute, and sell them.

In view thereof, approval of this bill is strongly recommended.



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AN ACT
IMPLEMENTING STRICTER MEASURES ON THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF
THE MANUFACTURE, SALE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF PNP UNIFORMS, INSIGNIAS,
AND ACCOUTREMENTS AND PROVIDING FOR PUNISHMENT ON THE ILLEGAL
PRODUCTION, SALE AND USE OF THE SAME

*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 TAMANG BIHIS
ACT OF 2025.”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the desire of the ate that only Philippine National
Police (PNP) personnel 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 produce, 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. 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 the 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 Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (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 the Directorate for Research and Development (DRD) and different testing institution;
- 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 the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (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 operations 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 a member of the PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, 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 forgoing shall not be construed as prohibiting any person from using or wearing 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 insignia, uniform, badge or emblem of rank which is, or may hereafter be, prescribed by law or any policy of the PNP.

SEC. 6. Hereafter the use, wearing, manufacture and sale of any medal or decoration, badge, insignia, uniform, textile for said uniform, patch or identification card which has been, or hereinafter be, authorized by Congress or prescribed or awarded by the President of the Philippines or the NAPOLCOM or any colorable imitation thereof, is prohibited except when authorized under such regulations by the PNP.

SEC. 7. Any person who confers upon himself or another PNP grade or title in violation of Section 5 and 6 of this Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND (P10,000.00) AND NOT EXCEEDING TWENTY THOUSAND (P20,000.00) OR 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. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Chief, Philippine National Police, shall revise and promulgate the Rules and Regulations necessary to ensure the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. – Any law, decree, ordinance or administrative circular not consistent with any provision of this Act is hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,