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HOUSE BILL NO. 5610



Introduced by Representative LORDAN G. SUAN

AN ACT

TRANSFERRING THE NATIONAL FIRE TRAINING INSTITUTE (NFTI) FROM THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC SAFETY COLLEGE (PPSC) TO THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 66, 67, AND 68 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Anchored on the State's policy to ensure a highly professional, well- trained, and competent fire service, this bill seeks to transfer the National Fire Training Institute (NFTI) under the direct control and supervision of the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), in full alignment with the BFP Modernization Program under Republic Act No.11589.

The BFP Modernization Act and its IRR expressly mandates the development of a comprehensive human resource and training program for BFP personnel and volunteers, including the establishment of state-of-the-art training schools and facilities nationwide. This law empowers the BFP to conduct training for its personnel, officers, fire volunteers, and fire safety practitioners in all aspects of fire prevention, suppression, investigation, disaster preparedness, rescue, emergency medical response, and hazardous materials management, and further requires the BFP to develop and implement a comprehensive training program, including mandatory courses for new entrants and newly appointed personnel, and to establish modern training facilities. It authorizes the BFP to hire internationally

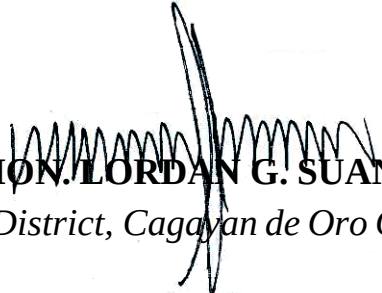
accredited training consultants and advisers when necessary, and to coordinate with agencies such as the Department of Health (DOH) and TESDA for specialized training needs, particularly for emergency medical services.

Transferring the NFTI to the BFP is a strategic move to optimize government resources, improve efficiency, and ensure that training is responsive to the unique operational requirements of the fire service. With direct control over NFTI, the BFP can swiftly develop and implement curricula, set training standards, and address competency gaps in line with international best practices and the evolving needs of communities.

Currently, the NFTI's placement under the PPSC has resulted in performance gaps due to differing institutional priorities. By vesting the BFP with full responsibility for its own training, the agency can independently formulate and execute plans, policies, and standards for advanced and specialized education in fire safety, emergency response, and disaster management. This move also upholds the academic freedom of the NFTI, allowing it to determine its own teaching methods, curriculum, and admission standards, thereby ensuring globally competitive training for BFP personnel.

The immediate passage of this bill will fully integrate and strengthen the BFP's training services, ensuring that the agency is equipped to meet modern challenges in fire protection, disaster, and emergency response. This will result in a holistic, inclusive, and sustainable approach to fire service training and development, ultimately benefiting the Filipino people and enhancing community safety by 2040.

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


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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** - This Act shall be known as the "BFP National
2 Fire Training Institute Act."

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4 **SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is hereby declared the policy of
5 the State to ensure the existence of a highly professional, well-trained, and
6 competent fire service force, capable of enforcing fire safety standards, effectively
7 preventing and suppressing fires, investigating their causes, and responding
8 promptly to all hazards and emergencies. To achieve this, the State shall
9 strengthen and modernize the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) by taking under its
10 direct control the management, administration, and continuous development of its
11 primary training institution. This approach shall guarantee the sustained
12 enhancement of the BFP's human resource capabilities, the adoption of modern
13 and internationally recognized fire safety practices, and the effective delivery of
14 fire protection and emergency response services nationwide, in accordance with
15 evolving community needs and global standards.
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1 **SECTION 3.** Section 66 of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended by Section
2 3 of RA No. 11279, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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4 "SEC. 66. Creation of the Philippine Public Safety College. There is hereby
5 created the Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC), which shall be the premier
6 educational institution for the training, human resource development, and
7 continuing education of all personnel of the Bureau of Jail Management and
8 Penology (BJMP). The PPSC shall consist of the National Jail Management and
9 Penology Training Institute and other specialized institutes as may be created by
10 law.

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12 The National Fire Training Institute (NFTI), currently operating under the
13 Philippine Public Safety College, is hereby transferred from the supervision and
14 control of the PPSC to the direct management and administration of the Bureau of
15 Fire Protection (BFP).The NFTI shall serve as the principal training arm of the
16 BFP, primarily responsible for the conduct of mandatory training, specialized
17 courses, and continuing education programs for all non-commissioned personnel
18 of the Bureau."

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20 **SECTION 4.** Section 67 of RA 6975, as amended, is hereby further
21 amended to read as follows:

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23 "SEC. 67. Composition, Powers and Functions. - The College shall consist
24 of the National Police College, the National Forensic Science Training Institute,
25 the National Jail Management and Penology Training Institute, and other special
26 training centers as may be created by the Department, whose functions shall be as
27 follows:

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29 (a) Formulate and implement training programs for all personnel of the Jail
30 Bureau and other training centers under the Department;
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32 (b) Formulate and implement select mandatory career courses for jail
33 commissioned officers;
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35 (c) Formulate and implement specialized courses for personnel of the Bureau
36 of Jail Management and Penology;
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38 (d) Establish and maintain adequate physical training facilities;
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40 (e) Develop and implement research and development to support educational
41 training programs;
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43 (f) Conduct an assessment of the training needs of all its clientele; and
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45 (g) Perform such other related functions as may be prescribed by the

1 Secretary."

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3 **SECTION 5.** A new Section 67-A is hereby inserted in the same Act, to
4 read as follows:

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6 "SEC. 67-A. National Fire Training Institute (NFTI). - The NFTI shall be
7 the premier institution for fire service education, and the primary responsible for
8 all mandatory training, specialized courses, and continuing education and
9 development of all fire non- commissioned officers. The NFTI shall be under the
10 direct administrative and operational supervision and control of the Chief of the
11 Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP).
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13 The NFTI shall be headed by a Director with the rank of Fire Chief
14 Superintendent, who shall be assisted by a Deputy Director with the rank of Fire
15 Senior Superintendent. The NFTI shall have a Dean of Academics and a
16 Commandant, both with the rank of Fire Senior Superintendent."
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18 **SECTION 6.** Function of the National Fire Training Institute under BFP. –
19 The National Fire Training Institute (NFTI) shall have the following functions:
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- 21 (a) Develop, implement, and evaluate comprehensive training programs for
22 all BFP personnel; (DO)
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- 24 (b) Formulate and conduct mandatory (DO) and specialized courses for the
25 BFP personnel (DO);
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- 27 (c) Formulate and implement training designs for volunteers, industrial
28 workers, and public safety sectors; (DO)
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- 30 (d) Conduct research and development on fire service training
31 methodologies, technologies, and curriculum enhancements;
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- 33 (e) Establish and maintain training facilities, equipment, and resources;
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- 35 (f) Forge partnerships and collaborations with local and international fire
36 service organizations, academic institutions, and other relevant agencies.
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- 38 (g) Recommend policies and standards for BFP personnel training and
39 development to the Chief, BFP.
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- 41 (h) Conduct assessment of training needs; (DO)
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- 43 (i) Perform such other functions as may be necessary to fulfill its mandate as
44 the primary training institution of the BFP.
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1 **SECTION 7.** A new Section 68-A is hereby inserted to read as follows:

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3 "SEC. 68-A. Transfer of Personnel and Properties. - All BFP uniformed
4 and non-uniformed personnel and all the properties, facilities, records,
5 equipment, funds, choses in action, appropriations, rights, functions, liabilities,
6 and other assets of the National Fire Training Institute (NFTI) are hereby
7 transferred to the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP)."

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9 **SECTION 8.** A new Section 68-B is hereby inserted to read as follows:

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11 "SEC. 68-B. Transition.

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13 (a) Within one hundred twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act, the
14 Chief of the BFP shall submit the revised table of organization and
15 equipment and staffing pattern of the NFTI to the DILG, the Department of
16 Budget and Management (DBM), and the Civil Service Commission (CSC)
17 for approval. The revised table of organization and equipment and staffing
18 pattern may include the reorganization and renaming of existing BFP
19 training offices and units, and the realignment of functions as may be
20 necessary;

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22 (b) The uniformed and non-uniformed personnel of the NFTI shall be
23 transferred from the PPSC to the BFP and continue to perform their duties
24 and responsibilities and receive their corresponding salaries and benefits;

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26 (c) The BFP, PPSC, and NFTI shall jointly conduct an inventory of all the
27 properties, facilities, records, equipment, funds, choses in action,
28 appropriations, rights, functions, liabilities, and other assets of the NFTI
29 prior to their complete transfer to the BFP;

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31 (d) The Secretary of the DILG, the Chief, BFP, and the President of the PPSC
32 shall formulate and implement a five (5) year transition plan to ensure the
33 smooth transfer of the NFTI to the BFP."

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35 **SECTION 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90)
36 days from the effectivity of this Act, the NFTI, in coordination with the Bureau
37 of Fire Protection, Philippine Public Safety College, and Department of the
38 Interior and Local Government, shall promulgate the necessary rules and
39 regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

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41 **SECTION 10. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the initial
42 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's
43 appropriations of the National Fire Training Institute under the Philippine Public
44 Safety College. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued
45 implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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2 **SECTION 11. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared
3 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain
4 in full force and effect.

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6 **SECTION 12. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules
7 and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
8 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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10 **SECTION 13. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
11 its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,