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HOUSE BILL NO. **6528**

**Introduced by Representative JB BERNOS
and Representative CHING BERNOS**

**AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPLOYMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL
TECHNICIANS IN ALL POLICE STATIONS AND FIRE STATIONS THROUGHOUT
THE PHILIPPINES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Every minute counts in an emergency. The immediate delivery of life-saving medical care can mean the difference between life and death. However, despite the critical nature of their duties, many police and fire stations across the country remain unequipped with trained medical personnel who can provide immediate care to victims of accidents, disasters, or armed encounters before they reach a hospital.

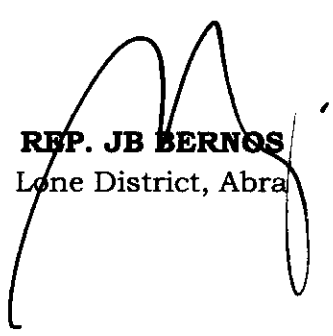
Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that "the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." Likewise, Section 9 of the same Article emphasizes that the State must promote a just and dynamic social order that ensures the well-being and safety of all citizens. In line with these constitutional provisions, this measure seeks to strengthen the country's emergency response capacity by mandating the deployment of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) in every police and fire station nationwide.

Under this proposed measure, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Philippine National Police (PNP), and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), shall ensure that at least one certified EMT is assigned per shift in every station. EMTs will be tasked to provide out-of-hospital emergency medical care to patients in critical or life-threatening situations, ensuring that immediate assistance is available while awaiting hospital transfer. The bill further provides for the creation of plantilla positions for EMTs, regular training and certification programs, and the provision

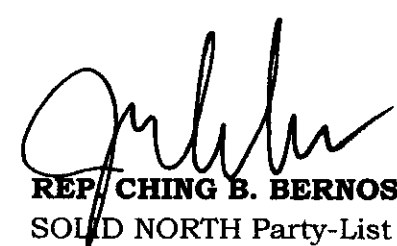
of competitive salaries and hazard pay to acknowledge the risks they face in the line of duty.

This measure enhances public safety and reinforces the operational capability of the PNP and BFP by ensuring that medical emergencies are handled promptly and professionally. By institutionalizing the presence of EMTs in every police and fire station, the government can build a stronger, more responsive, and more compassionate emergency response system, one that truly upholds the State's duty to protect life, health, and public welfare.

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



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*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 “Rescue Ready Act.”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – The State recognizes the role of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) in maintaining and ensuring peace, public order, and public safety. Consequently, the State recognizes its duty to ensure safety and health and to provide an immediate medical response during emergencies to the members of the PNP and BFP by providing emergency medical technicians (EMTs), which for the purposes of this Act, refer to a trained professional who is capable of providing out-of-hospital emergency medical care for critical and emergency patients, in each police and fire station.

SEC. 3. Employment of EMTs. – The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall create plantilla positions for the employment of certified EMTs and shall station at least one such EMT per shift in every police station and fire station in the Philippines.

The qualifications of the EMTs, as well as the procedures for the application, evaluation, and selection processes, shall be formulated by the DILG in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), PNP and BFP to ensure that the EMTs are properly trained and are authorized to provide medical care to patients in need of emergency medical attention.

SEC. 4. Training of EMTs. – All EMTs hired under this Act shall be required to attend and participate in regular practical and refresher training for purposes of capacity and competency building and maintenance. The expenses for such training shall be considered in the preparation of the annual general appropriations.

SEC. 5. Competitive Salary for EMTs. – All EMTs hired under this Act shall have a beginning salary grade of 15 under R.A. No. 11466, otherwise known as the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”.

SEC. 6. Hazard Pay for EMTs. – All EMTs hired under this act shall be entitled to a hazard pay of not less than three thousand pesos (Php 3,000.00) per month.

SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of DILG, in coordination with DOH, TESDA, PNP, and BFP, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 8. Separability Clause. – If any portions or provisions of this Act are declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining portions or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, memoranda, circulars, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,