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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Blood banking is one of the most essential components of a modern healthcare system. Blood banks ensure that blood and its components - red blood cells, plasma and platelets- are readily available for transfusions. It is therefore necessary to maintain a safe blood supply.

In the Philippines, the Philippine Red Cross has become synonymous with blood banking. It has both institutional knowledge and experienced personnel who can ensure that blood donations are screened, stored properly and perform other measures necessary to guarantee a safe blood supply. However, there are times when supplies are inadequate due to limited donations.

The National Service Training Program (NSTP) is a program aimed at enhancing civic consciousness and defense preparedness in the youth by developing the ethics of service and patriotism while undergoing training in any of its three (3) program components. Its various components are specially designed to enhance the youth's active contribution to the general welfare.

This measure aims to inculcate among the youth the importance of blood donations to personal health and the general welfare of the nation as well as giving them the opportunity to be of service by way of voluntary blood donations thru the Philippine Red Cross in order to help ensure a consistent, stable and safe blood supply. This can be achieved by integrating voluntary blood donation as a sub-component to the three (3) program components of the NSTP. In order to encourage or motivate blood donation, every voluntary act shall be credited and applicable to the requisite number of NTSP units.

The passage of this measure is earnestly requested.


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**AN ACT INTEGRATING VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION AS A SUB-COMPONENT
OF THE THREE (3) PROGRAM COMPONENTS OF THE NATIONAL SERVICE
TRAINING PROGRAM (NSTP) THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 9163**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This act shall be known as the "Voluntary Blood Donation
thru the NSTP Act"

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It shall be the policy of the state to promote and
encourage voluntary blood donation among the youth and to instill in our youth's
consciousness the principle that blood donation is a humanitarian act. It shall also be the
policy of the state to continue promoting the provision of adequate, safe, affordable and
equitable distribution of supply of blood and blood products.

Section 3. Section 4 of Republic Act 9164 shall read as follows:

Section 4. *Establishment of the National Service Training
Program.* - xxx

(1) xxx

(2) xxx

(3) xxx

**Voluntary blood donation shall be integrated as a sub-
component in all three (3) program components
enumerated above.**

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Section 4. Section 10 of Republic Act 9164 shall be read as follows:

Section 10. *Management of the NSTP Components* – xxx

Provided, lastly, That for the voluntary blood donation sub-component, the school authorities shall coordinate with the Philippine Red Cross in its implementation. The school, in consultation with the DND, CHED and/or TESDA, shall determine the credits earned for each blood donation applicable to the requisite number of units as stated in Section 6 of this Act.

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Section 5. Section 12 of Republic Act 9164 shall be read as follows:

Section 12. *Implementing Rules.* - The DND, CHED, TESDA **AND PRC** shall have the joint responsibility for the adoption of the implementing rules of this Act within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act.

These ~~three (3)~~ **FOUR (4)** agencies shall consult with other concerned government agencies, the PASUC and COCOPEA, NGOs and recognized student organizations in drafting the implementing rules.

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Section 6. *Separability Clause*- If any section or provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. *Effectivity*- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of national circulation, but the implementation of this Act shall commence in the succeeding school year after its approval.

Approved,