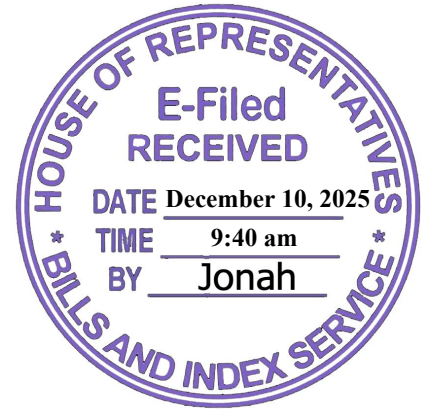




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HOUSE BILL NO. 6746



Introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, and Jude A. Acidre

AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 24 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990, TO PROVIDE FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL POLICE CLEARANCE SYSTEM

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Section 24 of Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990, to include the establishment of a National Police Clearance System (NPCS) among the functions of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

At present, local police databases across the country operate independently and are not interconnected. As a result, an individual with derogatory records in one locality may evade detection by obtaining a police clearance from another jurisdiction. To address this gap, the proposed measure mandates the creation of a centralized National Police Clearance System utilizing modern information and communications technology to consolidate and streamline police records nationwide.

The establishment of the NPCS will ensure a credible, efficient, and integrated database that enhances the integrity and reliability of police clearances. It will modernize one of the PNP's key law enforcement tools while providing

the public with a more convenient and accessible application process for securing police clearances anywhere in the country.

A similar bill was previously filed in the 19th Congress by Rep. Jurdin Jesus Romualdo.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.



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

SECTION 1. Section 24 of Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 24. Powers and Functions. - The PNP shall have the following powers and functions:

X

X

X

(h) [Perform such other duties and exercise all other functions as may be provided by law.] ESTABLISH AND OPERATIONALIZE A NATIONAL POLICE CLEARANCE SYSTEM, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL POLICE CLEARANCES

AND THE MAINTENANCE OF A NATIONAL RECORD OF ALL REPORTED CRIME INCIDENTS, WARRANTS OF ARREST, PHOTOS AND PERTINENT DETAILS OF ARRESTED AND WANTED PERSONS, FINGERPRINTS, AND BALLISTIC EXAMINATION RECORDS.

(I) PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AND EXERCISE ALL OTHER FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE PROVIDED BY LAW.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior and Local Government shall issue the rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,