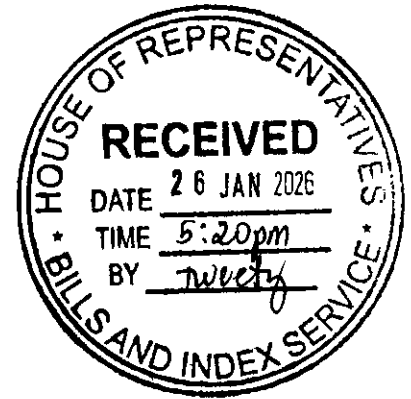




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HOUSE BILL NO. 7351

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE CHEENO MIGUEL D. ALMARIO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Armed conflicts in several regions of the country have been going on for decades. Even in periods of truce between the government forces and armed groups, people from communities where the hostilities happen cannot fully recover from the repeated cycles of conflict and stability. They often experience deep-rooted problems in food insecurity, income poverty, homelessness or forced displacement, and poor access to services like safe drinking water and sanitation. Tragically, a large number of victims in armed conflict zones are ordinary civilians like children, the elderly, and women.

This bill seeks to help address the above problems through the institutionalization of the Revitalized Pulis sa Barangay (RPSB) program. Each barangay nationwide will hire and assign a police officer who is a local member of the community. This will boost and augment the *barangay tanod* law enforcement capabilities as well as professionalize the maintenance of peace and order at the community level.

Currently, the program has worked successfully especially in rural communities with RPSB helping local programs such as the construction of water supply systems and schools, among others. The government's peace and development efforts will be strengthened by supplementing the whole-of-nation approach to resolving the deeply rooted causes of poverty and instability due to armed conflicts.

The increase and improvement of police visibility throughout the country will contribute significantly to ending local armed conflicts.

A similar version of this bill was filed in the 18th Congress by the Honorable Joel Mayo Z. Almario and was previously filed by this representation during the 19th Congress. Support for the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE REVITALIZED PULIS SA BARANGAY
PROGRAM OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the “Revitalized Pulis sa Barangay Act of 2026”.

SEC 2. It is the declared policy of the state to renounce war as an instrument of national policy.

The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment of all the people as blessings of democracy.

The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

SEC 3. The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP), is hereby directed to supervise the faithful execution and implementation of the Revitalized Barangay Police (RBP).

SEC 4. All barangays shall have at least one (1) Barangay Police designated in their respective locality.

SEC 5. The Barangay Police shall have the following qualifications:

- a. They shall be members of the Philippine National Police;
- b. They must be native to the barangay;
- c. They must be fluent in the dialect of the locality.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of the DILG shall include in the Department's program the operation of the RBP, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. Within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the DILG shall, in coordination with other relevant agencies, and in consultation with the concerned LGUs and stakeholders, prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 8. If, for any reason, any of the sections or provisions of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

SEC. 9. All other laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.