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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine National Police (PNP) is tasked to maintain peace and order and ensure that safety of the Filipino people.

To do this, the PNP has to adapt to the current situation, and transform and develop itself in order to properly respond to new and emerging threats. To do so, we also need to ensure that we continue to strengthen the PNP and revitalize its ranks.

We need to ensure that they have the proper personnel to continuously perform their duties and for them to be able to accomplish their mission to enforce the law, prevent and control crimes, maintain peace and order, and ensure public safety and internal security with the active support of the community.

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


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AN ACT

**RESTRUCTURING AND STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE,
CREATING ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICES, UPGRADING KEY POSITIONS, AMENDING
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OR THE "DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990" APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Section 25 of Republic Act No. 6975 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 25. Organization. – The PNP shall be headed by a Chief who shall be assisted by two (2) [d] Deputy [c] Chiefs, one (1) for administration and one (1) for operations, both of whom shall be appointed by the President upon recommendation of the Commission from among the most senior and qualified officers in the service [:]. *Provided, however,* That in no case shall any officer who has retired or is retireable within six (6) months from his compulsory retirement age be appointed as Chief of the PNP.

The Chief of the PNP shall serve for a term of three (3) years, with one reappointment for another term. The Chief of the PNP shall serve his term, and his reappointment if he gets reappointed, even after he has reached the mandatory retirement age.

The PNP shall be composed of a national office, **AREA POLICE OFFICES**, regional offices, provincial offices, district offices, and city or municipal stations.

At the national level, the PNP shall maintain its office in Metropolitan Manila which shall house the directorial staff, [service staff] **NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT UNITS**, and special [support units] **POLICE OFFICES**.

THERE SHALL BE AN INTERNAL AFFAIRS SERVICE PLACED DIRECTLY UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, PNP TO SERVE AS THE PRIMARY DISCIPLINARY INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE.

At the regional level, the PNP shall have **POLICE** regional offices, including that of the National Capital Region **POLICE OFFICE**, which may be divided into two (2) separate regions without prejudice to the pertinent provisions of the Organic Act for the Autonomous Regions of the Cordilleras and Muslim Mindanao relative to the creation of a regional police force in the area of autonomy. [Each of these regional offices] **POLICE REGIONAL OFFICES** shall be headed by [a][r]Regional [d]Director**S**[for peace and order].

At the provincial level, there shall be a [PNP]**POLICE PROVINCIAL** office, each headed by a [p]Provincial [d]Director. In the case of large

provinces, police districts may be established by the Commission to be headed by a **PROVINCIAL**[d]**District** [d]**Director**.

AT THE HIGHLY URBANIZED AND INDEPENDENT COMPONENT CITY LEVEL, THERE SHALL BE A CITY POLICE OFFICE, EACH HEADED BY A CITY DIRECTOR.

At the city or municipal level, there shall be a PNP station, each headed by a chief of police.

UNDER EACH POLICE STATION, POLICE-COMMUNITY PRECINCTS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN EVERY BARANGAY OR CLUSTERED BARANGAYS TO SERVE AS THE PRIMARY PROVIDERS OF POLICE SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY.

[The Chief of the PNP shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act and in accordance with the broad guidelines set forth herein, recommend the organizational structure and staffing pattern of the PNP to the Commission.]**THE CHIEF OF THE PNP IS AUTHORIZED TO IMPLEMENT NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS IN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, STAFFING, FUNCTIONS, AND FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS TO SUSTAIN THE ATTAINMENT OF INCREASED POLICE VISIBILITY, EFFICIENCY, AND OPTIMIZED DELIVERY OF POLICE SERVICES: PROVIDED, THAT, CORRESPONDING CHANGES IN THE NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION OF RANKS, TO INCLUDE UPGRADING THEREOF, SHALL BE RECOMMENDED BY THE CHIEF, PNP FOR APPROVAL OF THE NAPOLCOM, EXCEPT FOR THE RANKS OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, POLICE MAJOR GENERAL, AND POLICE LIEUTENANT GENERAL, WHICH SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT.”**

SECTION 2. A new Section 25-A is hereby inserted in Republic Act No. 6975 to read as follows:

“SEC. 25-A. SPECIAL POLICE OFFICES. - SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF NAPOLCOM, THE CHIEF, PNP MAY AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICES, SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

(A) CENTER FOR POLICE STRATEGY MANAGEMENT – HEADED BY A CHIEF WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE CENTER FOR POLICE STRATEGY MANAGEMENT UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, PNP SHALL SERVE AS THE CENTRAL FACILITY OF THE ORGANIZATION IN COORDINATING AND INTEGRATING ALL STRATEGY MANAGEMENT PROCESSES, SUSTAINING ITS STRATEGY EXECUTION AND MANAGEMENT, AND INSTILLING IN THE ORGANIZATION A CULTURE OF STRATEGIC FOCUS.

(B) HUMAN RIGHTS AFFAIRS OFFICE – HEADED BY A CHIEF WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE HUMAN RIGHTS AFFAIRS OFFICE UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, PNP SHALL SERVE AS A MANAGEMENT FACILITY THAT WILL OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PNP GUIDELINES AND POLICIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS LAWS.

(C) PEACE PROCESS AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER – HEADED BY A CHIEF, WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE PEACE PROCESS AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER SHALL BE THE OFFICE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE IN THE MONITORING OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PEACE AGREEMENTS AND PERTINENT LAWS.

(D) NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER – HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER SHALL BE THE MAIN MONITORING FACILITY OF THE PNP OF ALL EVENTS AFFECTING THE PEACE AND ORDER SITUATION NATIONWIDE. IT SHALL SERVE AS THE MAIN COORDINATING CENTER FOR ALL OPERATING AND SUPPORT UNITS IN PURSUANCE OF PNP LAW ENFORCEMENT, INTERNAL SECURITY, SPECIAL OPERATIONS, AND RECORDS/STATISTICS COMPILATION FUNCTIONS.

(E) PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE – HEADED BY A CHIEF WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE SHALL SUPERVISE, EVALUATE, AND MONITOR THE PROVISION OF RELEVANT INFORMATION ON ONGOING PNP PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND ULTIMATELY GAIN COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.

(F) WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROTECTION CENTER – HEADED BY A CHIEF WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROTECTION CENTER SHALL HANDLE THE INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN.”

SECTION 3. A new Section 25-B is hereby inserted in Republic Act No. 6975, to read as follows:

“**SEC. 25-B. CREATION OF AREA POLICE OFFICES.** - IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE SPAN OF CONTROL OF THE CHIEF, PNP, THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AREA POLICE OFFICES IN CLUSTERED POLICE REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, OR CITY OFFICES OR IN CONTIGUOUS AREAS. THE AREA POLICE OFFICES SHALL ORCHESTRATE, SUPERVISE AND CONTROL THE CONDUCT OF INTER-REGIONAL OPERATIONS AGAINST CRIMINALITY, INSURGENCY, TERRORISM, AND TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES WHICH TRANSCEND REGIONAL BOUNDARIES. IT SHALL LIKEWISE CONDUCT RESCUE AND RELIEF OPERATIONS IN TIMES OF CALAMITIES AND OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF JURISDICTION.

INITIALLY, FIVE AREA POLICE OFFICES SHALL BE ACTIVATED NAMELY: NORTHERN LUZON AREA POLICE OFFICE; SOUTHERN LUZON AREA POLICE OFFICE; VISAYAS AREA POLICE OFFICE; EASTERN MINDANAO AREA POLICE OFFICE AND WESTERN MINDANAO AREA POLICE OFFICE WHICH SHALL BE HEADED BY DIRECTORS WITH THE RANK OF POLICE LIEUTENANT GENERAL.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE AREA POLICE OFFICES SHALL EACH BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.”

SECTION 4. Section 29 of Republic Act No. 6975 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 29. Key Positions. – The head of the PNP with the rank of **POLICE GENERAL** [director general] shall have the position title of Chief of the PNP[.]; **PROVIDED, THAT IN NO CASE SHALL ANY OFFICER WHO HAS RETIRED OR IS RETIRABLE WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS FROM HIS COMPULSORY RETIREMENT AGE BE DESIGNATED AS CHIEF OF THE PNP: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT IN CASE THE CHIEF OF THE PNP**

RESIGNS, IS INCAPACITATED OR REMOVED FOR CAUSE, THE POSITION SHALL BE CONSIDERED VACANT: AND PROVIDED, FURTHERMORE, THAT IN CASE THE CHIEF OF THE PNP IS RELIEVED OR SUSPENDED, THE PRESIDENT SHALL DESIGNATE AN ACTING CHIEF OF THE PNP FROM AMONG THE MOST SENIOR STAR-RANK OFFICERS.

The second in command of the PNP with the rank of **POLICE LIEUTENANT GENERAL** [deputy director general] shall be the Deputy Chief of the PNP for Administration. The third in command with the rank also of **POLICE LIEUTENANT GENERAL** [deputy director general] shall be the Deputy Chief of the PNP for Operations[.] **WHO SHALL EXERCISE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OVER THE SPECIAL ACTION FORCE, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND DETECTION GROUP, AND CIVIL SECURITY GROUP.**

THE CHIEF, PNP SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A SENIOR POLICE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE MAIN FOCAL POINT OF COORDINATION BETWEEN THE PNP AND THE DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO PNP ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS CONCERNS. A POLICE ATTACHE' OCCUPYING THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER AND DIPLOMAT, WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, SHALL REPRESENT THE PNP AND THE DILG BEFORE POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

At the national office, the head of the directorial staff with the rank of **POLICE LIEUTENANT GENERAL** [deputy director general] shall be known as Chief of the Directorial Staff of the PNP. **HE SHALL BE ASSISTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE DIRECTORIAL STAFF WHO SHALL HAVE THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.**

The heads of the various [staff divisions in the] directorial staff shall have the rank of **POLICE MAJOR GENERAL** [director] with the position title of Director of [the] **THEIR RESPECTIVE** Directorial Staff [of their respective functional divisions]. [The head of the Inspectorate Division with the rank of chief superintendent shall assume the position title of Inspector General.] **THEY SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER BOTH WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.**

The head of the NCR **POLICE OFFICE (NCRPO)** with the rank of **POLICE LIEUTENANT GENERAL** [director] shall assume the position title of NCRPO REGIONAL Director. **HE SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR ADMINISTRATION AND A DEPUTY REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS BOTH WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, AND A CHIEF OF REGIONAL STAFF WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL. SHOULD POLICE REGIONAL OFFICES, INCLUDING THE NCRPO, BE DIVIDED INTO TWO (2) SEPARATE REGIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 25 HEREOF, EACH MAY BE HEADED BY A REGIONAL DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE MAJOR GENERAL.**

The heads of [the] **ALL OTHER** regional offices with the rank of **POLICE MAJOR GENERAL** [chief superintendent] shall assume the position title of Regional Director. **THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF ALL OTHER POLICE REGIONAL OFFICES SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY REGIONAL DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, AND A CHIEF OF REGIONAL STAFF WITH THE RANK OF POLICE COLONEL.**

The heads of the district offices **ESTABLISHED IN THE PROVINCES** with the rank of **POLICE LIEUTENANT COLONEL** [superintendent] shall have the position title of District Director.

THE HEADS OF THE CITY POLICE OFFICES WITH THE RANK OF POLICE COLONEL SHALL HAVE THE POSITION TITLE OF CITY DIRECTOR.

The heads of the **POLICE STATIONS ESTABLISHED AT THE** municipality or city [offices] **LEVEL** with the rank of **AT LEAST POLICE MAJOR** [chief inspector] shall be known as Chief of Police.”

SECTION 5. Section 35 of Republic Act No. 6975 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 35. **NATIONAL** Support Units. – The PNP shall be supported by **NATIONAL** administrative and operational support units[.], **AS FOLLOWS:** [The administrative support units shall consist of the Crime Laboratory, Logistic Unit, Communications Unit, Computer Center, Finance Center, and Civil Security Unit. The operational support units shall be composed of the Maritime Police Unit, Police Intelligence Unit, Police Security Unit, Criminal Investigation Unit, Special Action Force, Narcotics units, Aviation Security Unit, Traffic Management Unit, the Medical and Dental Centers and the Civil Relations Unit. To enhance police operational efficiency and effectiveness, the Chief of the PNP may constitute such other support units as may be necessary subject to the approval of the Commission: Provided, [That no support unit headed by a chief superintendent or a higher rank can be created unless provided by law.] **ANY ORGANIZATIONAL ADJUSTMENT MADE BY THE CHIEF, PNP IN THE PNP STRUCTURE STAFFING AND FUNCTIONS TO SUSTAIN THE ATTAINMENT OF INCREASED POLICE VISIBILITY, EFFICIENCY AND OPTIMIZED DELIVERY OF POLICE SERVICES MUST BE AUTHORIZED BY THE NAPOLCOM.**

THE CHIEF, PNP MAY RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT, THROUGH THE NAPOLCOM, CORRESPONDING CHANGES TO THE NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PNP STAR-RANK OFFICERS”.

(a) **NATIONAL** Administrative Support Units. – [(1) Crime Laboratory. There shall be established a central Crime Laboratory to be headed by a Director with the rank of chief superintendent, which shall provide scientific and technical investigative aid and support to the PNP and other government investigative agencies.

It shall also provide crime laboratory examination, evaluation, and identification of physical evidence involved in crimes with primary emphasis on their medical, chemical, biological and physical nature.

There shall likewise be established regional and city crime laboratories as may be necessary in all regions and cities of the country.]

[(2)](1)[Logistic Unit] **LOGISTICS SUPPORT SERVICE.** – Headed by a Director with the rank of **POLICE MAJOR GENERAL** [chief superintendent], the [Logistics Unit] **LOGISTICS SUPPORT SERVICE** shall be responsible for the procurement, distributions, and management of all the logistical requirements of the PNP including firearms and ammunition. **THE DIRECTOR FOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT SERVICE SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.**

[(3)](2)[Communications Unit] **COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS SERVICE.** – Headed by a Director with the rank of **POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL** [chief superintendent], the [Communications Unit]**COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS SERVICE** shall be

responsible for establishing an effective police communications network. **THE DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS SERVICE SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.**

[(4)](3) [Computer Center] INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT SERVICE. – Headed by a Director with the rank of **POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL** [chief superintendent], the **INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT SERVICE** shall be responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of a database system for the PNP. **THE DIRECTOR FOR INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.**

[(5)](4) [Finance Center] FINANCE SERVICE. – Headed by a Director with the rank of **POLICE MAJOR GENERAL** [chief superintendent], the [Finance Center] **FINANCE SERVICE** shall be responsible for providing finance services to the PNP. **THE DIRECTOR FOR FINANCE SERVICE SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.**

[(6)] Civil Security Unit. – Headed by a Director with the rank of chief superintendent, the Civil Security Unit shall provide administrative services and general supervision over organization, business operation and activities of all organized private detectives, watchmen, security guard agencies and company guardhouses.

The unit shall likewise supervise the licensing and registration of firearms and explosives.

The approval applications for licenses to operate private security agencies, as well as the issuance of licenses to security guards and the licensing of firearms and explosives, shall be decentralized to the PNP regional offices.]

(5) HEALTH SERVICE. – **HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE HEALTH SERVICE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES FOR THE PNP. THE DIRECTOR FOR HEALTH SERVICE SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.**

(6) TRAINING SERVICE. – **HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE TRAINING SERVICE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING TRAINING COURSES GEARED TOWARDS SKILLS ENHANCEMENT, INTELLECTUAL ADVANCEMENT AND MORAL TRANSFORMATION OF PNP PERSONNEL VITAL TO THE PURSUIT OF A RESPECTABLE AND RESPONSIVE POLICE FORCE. THE DIRECTOR FOR TRAINING SERVICE SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.**

(7) PNP RETIREMENT AND BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM. – **HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE POLICE RETIREMENT AND BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE RETIREMENT, SEPARATION, AND DEATH BENEFITS OF PNP PERSONNEL. THE DIRECTOR FOR PNP RETIREMENT AND BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.**

(8) HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT SERVICE. – **HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE**

HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT SERVICE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING AND CAMP SECURITY SERVICES TO THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE.

THE DIRECTOR FOR HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT SERVICE SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE COLONEL.

(9) CHAPLAIN SERVICE. – HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE CHAPLAIN SERVICE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING SPIRITUAL AND OTHER COUNSELING SERVICES FOR THE MORAL GROWTH AND ENHANCEMENT OF PNP PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS. THE DIRECTOR FOR CHAPLAIN SERVICE SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

(10) ENGINEERING SERVICE. – HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE ENGINEERING SERVICE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERALL PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION, SUPERVISION, AND EVALUATION OF ALL PNP ENGINEERING PROGRAMS, SUCH AS CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR PROJECTS, LAND UTILIZATION PROJECTS, HOUSING AND QUARTERING PROJECTS, AND OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES. THE DIRECTOR FOR ENGINEERING SERVICE SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

(11) LEGAL SERVICE. – HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE LEGAL SERVICE SHALL SERVE AS THE LEGAL ARM OF THE PNP, ACT AS LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE CHIEF OF THE PNP, REPRESENT SUBORDINATE POLICE OFFICES AND HEADS THEREOF IN CIVIL, CRIMINAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS THAT AROSE FROM SERVICE-CONNECTED CASES, AND RENDER LEGAL OPINION ON POLICE OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION. THE DIRECTOR FOR LEGAL SERVICE SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

(b) NATIONAL Operational Support Units. – (1) Maritime [Police Unit] GROUP. Headed by a Director with the rank of **POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL** [chief superintendent], the Maritime [Police Unit] GROUP shall perform all police functions over Philippine territorial waters and rivers. **THE DIRECTOR FOR MARITIME GROUP SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.**

(2) [Police] Intelligence [Unit] GROUP. – Headed by a Director with the rank of **POLICE MAJOR GENERAL** [chief superintendent], the [Police] Intelligence [Unit] GROUP shall serve as the intelligence and counterintelligence operating unit of the PNP. **THE DIRECTOR FOR INTELLIGENCE GROUP SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.**

(3) Police Security [Unit] AND PROTECTION GROUP. – Headed by a Director with the rank of **POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL** [chief superintendent], the Police Security [Unit] AND PROTECTION GROUP shall provide security for government officials, visiting dignitaries and private individuals authorized to be given protection. **THE DIRECTOR FOR POLICE SECURITY AND PROTECTION GROUP SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A**

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

(4) Criminal Investigation [Unit] **AND DETECTION GROUP.** – Headed by a Director with the rank of **POLICE [chief superintendent] LIEUTENANT GENERAL**, the Criminal Investigation [Unit] **AND DETECTION GROUP** shall undertake the monitoring, investigation and prosecution of all crimes involving economic sabotage, and other crimes of such magnitude and extent as to indicate their commission by highly placed or professional criminal syndicates and organizations.

This [unit] **GROUP** shall likewise investigate all major cases involving violations of the Revised Penal Code and operate against organized crime groups, unless the President assigns the case exclusively to the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

THE GROUP SHALL BE UNDER THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF, PNP FOR OPERATIONS.

THE DIRECTOR FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND DETECTION GROUP SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

(5) Special Action Force. – Headed by a Director with the rank of **POLICE [chief superintendent] LIEUTENANT GENERAL**, the Special Action Force shall function as a mobile strike force or reaction unit to augment regional, provincial, municipal and city police forces for civil disturbance control, counterinsurgency, hostage-taking rescue operations, and other special operations.

THE FORCE SHALL BE UNDER THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF, PNP FOR OPERATIONS.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE SPECIAL ACTION FORCE SHALL BE ASSISTED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

THE FORCE SHALL HAVE THREE BRIGADES, ONE FOR LUZON, VISAYAS, AND MINDANAO, EACH HEADED BY A COMMANDER WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

(6) [Narcotics Unit. – Headed by a Director with the rank of chief superintendent, the Narcotics Unit shall enforce all laws relative to the protection of the citizenry against dangerous and other prohibited drugs and substances.] **DRUG ENFORCEMENT GROUP. – HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICEMAJOR GENERAL, THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT GROUP SHALL ENFORCE ALL LAWS RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION OF THE CITIZENRY AGAINST DANGEROUS AND OTHER PROHIBITED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE. THE DIRECTOR FOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT GROUP SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.**

(7) Aviation Security [Unit] **GROUP.** – Headed by a Director with the rank of **POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL [chief superintendent]**, the Aviation Security [Unit] **GROUP**, in coordination with airport authorities, shall secure all the country's airports against offensive and terroristic acts that threaten civil aviation, exercise operational control and supervision over all agencies involved in airport security operation, and enforce all laws and regulations relative to air travel protection and safety. **THE DIRECTOR FOR AVIATION SECURITY GROUP SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.**

(8) [Traffic Management Unit] **HIGHWAY PATROL GROUP.** – Headed by a Director with the rank of **POLICE MAJOR GENERAL [chief superintendent]**, the [Traffic Management Unit] **HIGHWAY PATROL GROUP** shall enforce traffic laws and regulations. **THE DIRECTOR FOR**

HIGHWAY PATROL GROUP SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

(9) [Medical and Dental Centers. – Headed by a Director with the rank of **POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL** [chief superintendent], the Medical and Dental Centers shall be responsible for providing medical and dental services for the PNP.] **CRIME LABORATORY. - THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED A CENTRAL CRIME LABORATORY TO BE HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, WHICH SHALL PROVIDE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INVESTIGATIVE AID AND SUPPORT TO THE PNP AND OTHER GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES.**

IT SHALL ALSO PROVIDE CRIME LABORATORY EXAMINATION, EVALUATION, AND IDENTIFICATION OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE INVOLVED IN CRIMES WITH PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON THEIR MEDICAL, CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL NATURE.

THERE SHALL LIKEWISE BE ESTABLISHED REGIONAL AND CITY CRIME LABORATORIES AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN ALL REGIONS AND CITIES OF THE COUNTRY.

THE DIRECTOR FOR CRIME LABORATORY SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

(10) [Civil Relations Units] **POLICE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT GROUP. – Headed by a Director with the rank of POLICE MAJOR GENERAL** [chief superintendent], the [Civil Relations Unit] **POLICE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT GROUP** shall implement plans and programs that will promote community and citizens' participation in the maintenance of peace and order and public safety. **THE DIRECTOR FOR POLICE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT GROUP SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.**

(11) **CIVIL SECURITY GROUP. – HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE MAJOR GENERAL, THE CIVIL SECURITY GROUP SHALL PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND GENERAL SUPERVISION OVER ORGANIZATION, BUSINESS OPERATION AND ACTIVITIES OF ALL ORGANIZED PRIVATE DETECTIVES, WATCHMEN, SECURITY GUARD AGENCIES AND COMPANY GUARDBOUSES.**

THE GROUP SHALL LIKEWISE SUPERVISE THE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES, THROUGH THE FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES OFFICE, TO BE HEADED BY A CHIEF WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

THE APPROVAL APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES TO OPERATE PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCIES, AS WELL AS THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES TO SECURITY GUARDS AND THE LICENSING OF FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES, SHALL BE DECENTRALIZED TO THE PNP REGIONAL OFFICES, THROUGH THE SUPERVISORY OFFICE FOR SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION AGENCIES, TO BE HEADED BY A CHIEF WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

THE GROUP SHALL BE UNDER THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF, PNP FOR OPERATIONS.

THE DIRECTOR FOR CIVIL SECURITY GROUP SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

(12) **ANTI-KIDNAPPING GROUP. - HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE ANTI-KIDNAPPING GROUP SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE IN ADDRESSING**

KIDNAPPING MENACE IN THE COUNTRY AND IN HANDLING HOSTAGE SITUATIONS. THE DIRECTOR FOR ANTI-KIDNAPPING GROUP SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

(13) ANTI-CYBERCRIME GROUP. - HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE ANTI-CYBERCRIME GROUP SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PERTINENT LAWS ON CYBERCRIMES AND ANTI-CYBERCRIME CAMPAIGNS OF THE PNP. THE DIRECTOR FOR ANTI-CYBERCRIME GROUP SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

(14) EXPLOSIVES AND ORDNANCE AND CANINE GROUP. - HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE EXPLOSIVES AND ORDNANCE/K9 GROUP SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT, DEPLOYMENT, UTILIZATION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF EOD AND CANINE UNITS OF THE PNP. THE DIRECTOR FOR EXPLOSIVES AND ORDNANCE AND CANINE GROUP SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.

(15) INTEGRITY MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT GROUP. - HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL, THE INTEGRITY MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT GROUP SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMATION-GATHERING AND CONDUCT OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST ERRING PNP PERSONNEL.

SPECIFICALLY, THE GROUP SHALL CONDUCT INTELLIGENCE BUILD-UP AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS AGAINST PNP PERSONNEL REPORTED TO BE INVOLVED OR PROTECTING ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DRUG TRAFFICKING, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, FINANCIAL CRIMES, CYBERCRIME, MALVERSATION, PILFERAGE, GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES, AND SECURITY VIOLATIONS.

THE DIRECTOR FOR INTEGRITY MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT GROUP SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL.”

SECTION 6. The amount necessary to cover the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year’s appropriations of the Philippine National Police. Thereafter, the amount necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the PNP.

SECTION 7. If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. All other provisions of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended by Republic Act No. 8551, otherwise known as the ‘Philippine National Police Reform and Reorganization Act of 1998’, that have reference to the foregoing police offices and support units, the heads thereof and their corresponding ranks, and all other laws, executive orders, rules and regulations, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall be deemed modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,