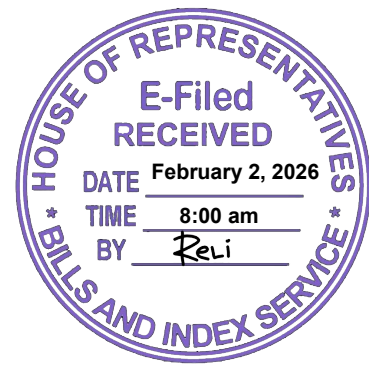


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine National Police (PNP) is tasked 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 order to do these properly, they have to also continuously improve and upgrade itself and its capabilities. In today's trying times, we need an effective PNP. A PNP that the citizenry can count on to deliver timely and responsive services and carry out an effective approach to counter serious threats to our national security.

Our PNP should also have the most modern and latest equipment and it should intensify its operational tactics.

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


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AN ACT

**PROVIDING FOR THE REVITALIZATION AND CAPABILITY ENHANCEMENT OF THE
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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 “Philippine National Police Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Act.”

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to transform the Philippine National Police (PNP) into a highly efficient, capable, and competent police force in order to fully perform its mandate as the primary law enforcement agency of the government.

Towards this end, the State shall sustain a revitalized PNP that will continuously carry out effective policing functions and law enforcement operations, deliver timely and responsive frontline public safety services, and pursue a comprehensive and integrated approach against transnational crime and emerging forms of criminality, insurgency, terrorism and other serious threats to national security.

For this purpose, the State shall pursue the implementation of a Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program focused on infrastructure and facilities development as well as equipment acquisition and upgrading.

Sec. 3. PNP Revitalization Thrusts. – As used in this Act, the term “revitalization” shall be understood to mean the state of being enlivened or the condition of achieving a dynamic level of performing police functions, law enforcement operations, and frontline public safety services, and pursuing modern approaches against criminality with the end view of establishing and maintaining for all people a safe, secure, orderly, peaceful, and prosperous nation. Towards this aspiration, the PNP shall pursue the following revitalization thrusts:

- a. Fill-up of basic equipage and construction of standard police stations and offices nationwide;
- b. Acquisition of modern equipage;
- c. Adoption of secured, modern, artificial intelligence (AI)-driven, real-time information and communications technology (ICT) systems to modernize and integrate police administration and operations;
- d. Strengthening police coordination and cooperation with the citizenry, local governments, public safety agencies, other law enforcement agencies and pillars of the criminal justice system, and the regional and international police communities; and
- e. Enhancing law enforcement approach and intensified operations against transnational crime and emerging forms of criminality, insurgency, terrorism, and other serious threats to national security.

Sec. 4. Components of the Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program. – The PNP revitalization thrusts shall be realized through the implementation of a Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program.

As used in this Act, the term police “capability enhancement” shall be understood to mean a measurable improvement in the performance of PNP mandates that translates into an enduring ability to enforce the law, prevent and control crimes, maintain peace and order, ensure public safety and internal security, and protect the country against threats to national security including terrorism.

The Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program shall consist of the following components:

a. Infrastructure and Facilities Development – The objectives of this component are:

1) Establishment of Standard Infrastructure and Basic Facilities

- a. Construction and upgrading of standard infrastructure like buildings for police stations and offices, that are accessible and suited to the peculiar topography of or weather conditions in the area, with provision for adequate perimeter fencing;
- b. Construction and upgrading of basic facilities for administrative, investigative, and operational functions, such as: crime laboratory; evidence rooms, storage rooms, records rooms; appropriate custodial facilities; communications systems; research and development centers; training institutions; hospitals and dispensaries for delivery of medical and dental services; and quartering and barracks facilities, in accordance with approved camp master development plans;
- c. Construction and upgrading of facilities to provide repair and maintenance works, such as: regional or provincial motor pool and maintenance facilities for other mobility assets.

2) Construction and upgrading of facilities to support regulatory functions;

3) Development, procurement, and management of ICT systems and automated systems to ensure integration and effective coordination; and

4) Real estate acquisition, titling, and management.

b. Equipment Acquisition and Upgrading – The objectives of this component are judicious procurement and acquisition of modern equipage for enhanced PNP capabilities, such as: munitions and ordnance; firepower and weapons; transportation and mobility assets; communication, intelligence, investigative and forensic equipment.

Sec. 5. Standard of Modernization. – In preparing and implementing the Police Capability Enhancement Program, the standard test to indicate modernity is the possession of latest attributes or innovative qualities of infrastructure, facilities, and equipment, over and above the basic and standard features. This would enable the PNP to better adapt to the needs of the present time, add value to services delivered, and achieve increased citizen satisfaction with the police.

In endeavoring to modernize police infrastructure and facilities, the primary consideration shall be developing capabilities for command and direction, tactical and strategic control, effective communication, robust ICT and automated systems network, upholding the human rights and rule of law, and sustained police-community-relations.

The acquisition of modern equipment shall be based on the results of operational needs assessment. For purposes of this Act, the term “operational needs assessment” refers

to the mandatory periodic evaluation of materiel and logistical capabilities with the end view of identifying deficiencies or limitations in existing resources and addressing significant impediments in achieving operational tasks and attaining organizational mission, through equipment acquisition.

Sec. 6. *Direct Negotiation.* – The PNP, with the concurrence of the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), may enter into an executive agreement on mutual logistics support and services and law enforcement and security cooperation, for and in behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, with a foreign country with which the Philippines maintains diplomatic relations.

Pursuant to any agreement executed under this Section, the Chief of the PNP may be authorized to directly negotiate with any government instrumentality of a foreign country or with a technically, legally, and financially capable supplier or consultant, duly recognized by the government of said foreign country, for the acquisition of modern police equipment, supply of law enforcement and security equipment, and law enforcement and security related consultancy services, upon concurrence of the following requisites:

1) the NAPOLCOM has deemed it necessary for the maintenance of peace and order, ensuring public safety, or curbing other serious threats to national security; and

2) the policing equipment or materiel and/or policing-related consultancy services to be procured under this modality is included in the PNP's Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program as approved by the President of the Philippines.

Sec.7. *Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Chief of the PNP, in consultation with the Chairperson of the NAPOLCOM and the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall prepare a Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program.

After consultation, the Chief of the PNP shall submit the Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program to the NAPOLCOM, which shall endorse the same to Congress, through the Congressional Oversight Committee created under this Act, for monitoring and overseeing.

The Program shall indicate the following:

a. The police organizational structure and staffing pattern, authorized personnel strength, and logistics and facilities inventory during the various implementation stages;

b. The capability enhancement programs, activities, and projects to be undertaken vis-à-vis the particular component and corresponding objectives and revitalization thrusts they relate to;

c. The priorities, schedules, and phases of implementation of the capability enhancement projects and activities;

d. The estimated average cost of each project or activity to be undertaken; and

e. The infrastructure and equipment acquisition, modernization, and human resource development of the NAPOLCOM.

Sec.8. *Period of Implementation.* – The Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program under this Act shall be implemented over a period of ten (10) years: *Provided*, That payments for amortization of outstanding multi-year contract obligations incurred under the PNP Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program may be extended beyond this period.

Sec.9. Appropriations for the Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program. –The amount necessary to support the capability enhancement projects and activities under the Program in relation to Section 7 shall be appropriated by Congress.

Appropriations to support the Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program shall be treated as distinct and separate budget items from the regular appropriations for the PNP.

Under the Program, an amount of at least Forty Billion Pesos (Php40,000,000,000.00) shall be allocated for the first two (2) years of implementation, for basic equipage fill-up and establishment of standard infrastructure and basic facilities: *Provided*, That, Eleven Billion, Two Hundred Fifty Million Pesos (Php 11,250,000,000.00) shall be appropriated every year thereafter: and *Provided, further*, That, the entire Program shall be based on a ceiling of One Hundred Thirty Billion Pesos (Php130,000,000,000.00) budget requirement, for the full period of implementation .

Sec.10. Exemption from Taxes and Customs Duties. – The sale of munitions and ordnance, firepower and weapons, transportation and mobility assets, communication, intelligence, investigative and forensic equipment and other equipment to the PNP, under the Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program, where such acquisition directly or exclusively relates to the performance of its police and law enforcement functions; or may be needed in public transactions; or in the pursuit of any government undertaking, to include importation, shall be exempt from the value-added tax and customs duties.

Donations from local or foreign sources granted to the PNP shall likewise be exempt from payment of donor's tax, value-added tax, and customs duties.

Sec.11. Local Government Support Through Local Development Plans. –In the formulation of their respective socio-economic local development programs, all provincial, city, and municipal development councils shall allocate in their comprehensive land use plans such adequate, suitable, and accessible lands for the establishment of basic police infrastructure and support facilities within their areas of jurisdiction.

Regional Development Councils shall ensure that allocation of such lands for use of local police forces and other police support units are included in the approved socio-economic local development programs of provinces and cities prior to integration into their respective Regional Development Plans and subsequent submission to the National Economic and Development Authority.

Within one hundred twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Chief of the PNP shall submit to the NAPOLCOM such guidelines and parameters governing the allocation of land for the police, for approval and implementation.

In effecting land allocation for local police forces and other police support units, local government units may exercise the inherent power of eminent domain, in accordance with existing laws.

Sec.12. Congressional Oversight Committee. – There is hereby created a Congressional Oversight Committee to receive the Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program of the Chief of the PNP, as endorsed by the NAPOLCOM, for information, monitoring, and overseeing of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate President.

It shall be composed of four (4) members from the House of Representatives and four (4) members from the Senate with the Chairpersons of the Committee on Public Order and Safety and the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs of each Chamber, respectively, as Joint Chairpersons. The three (3) other members, with the inclusion of the Chairperson of the Committee on Dangerous Drugs, representing the House of Representatives, shall be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, while the three (3) other members from the Senate shall be designated by the Senate President. The Minority shall have at least one (1) representative from both Chambers.

The Committee shall regularly monitor and oversee the implementation of the provisions of this Act.

The amount of Twenty Million Pesos (Php 20,000,000.00) shall be appropriated to the Congressional Oversight Committee annually to carry out its functions.

Sec.13. *Program Modification.* – In the exigency of service or whenever necessary to address unforeseen emergencies to curb transnational crime; emerging forms of criminality; insurgency, terrorism and other serious threats to national security, or to satisfy delivery of public safety services, the Chief of the PNP may modify, through substitution or revision, a component project in the Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program, subject to the favorable endorsement of the NAPOLCOM, for the President's approval. Within thirty (30) days from such approval, the Chief of the PNP shall report such program modification to Congress, through the Congressional Oversight Committee.

Sec.14. *Annual Reports.* – Within the first quarter of the succeeding year of implementation, the Chief of the PNP shall submit to the President and Congress, through the Chairperson of the NAPOLCOM, an annual report on the progress of the implementation of the Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program.

Sec.15. *Sunset Review.* – After five (5) years following its effectivity, or as the need arises, the Congressional Oversight Committee shall conduct a sunset review of this Act, to systematically evaluate the accomplishments under the Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Program and its impact on the PNP organizational structure, institutional mechanisms, and performance of functions, for purposes of determining and effecting remedial legislation.

Sec.16. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days of the approval of this Act, the PNP, in consultation with the NAPOLCOM and the DBM, shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of the law.

Sec.17. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 18. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to this Act, are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec.19. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,