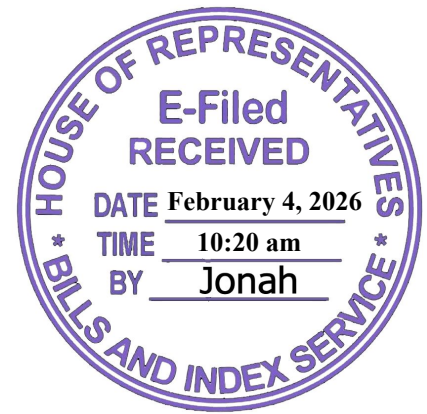


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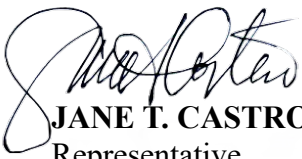
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 3-h of Republic Act 11589 also known as “the Bureau of Fire Modernization Act” states that the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) shall conduct training of its personnel and officers including fire volunteers, fire safety practitioners and fire volunteer organizations, pertaining to fire prevention and suppression, fire inspection and clearance, investigation, disaster preparedness, rescue, emergency medical response, HAZMAT, CBRNE, and other operations.

At present, the Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC) is responsible for training institutions like the National Police College (NPC) for the Philippine National Police (PNP), the National Jail Management and Penology Training Institute (NJMPTI) for the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, and the National Fire Training Institute (NFTI) for the BFP, among others.

The bill aims to give the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) full control and management of the National Fire Training Institute (NFTI) to streamline operations and fast track the development of its training programs. This will also ensure that the Bureau of Fire Protection can provide its personnel and fire volunteers with quality training, making them confident, competent, and efficient firefighters who are trained to respond to a variety of fire emergencies and scenarios.

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


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AN ACT
TRANSFERRING THE NATIONAL FIRE TRAINING INSTITUTE (NFTI) FROM
THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC SAFETY COLLEGE (PPSC) TO THE BUREAU OF FIRE
PROTECTION (BFP), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 66, 67, AND 68
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 “BFP National Fire Training Institute Act.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to ensure the existence of a highly professional, well-trained, and competent fire service force, capable of enforcing fire safety standards, effectively preventing and suppressing fires, investigating their causes, and responding promptly to all hazards and emergencies. To achieve this, the State shall strengthen and modernize the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) by taking under its direct control the management, administration, and continuous development of its primary training institution. This approach shall guarantee the sustained enhancement of the BFPs human resource capabilities, the adoption of modern and internationally recognized fire safety practices, and the effective delivery of Fire Protection and emergency response services nationwide, in accordance with evolving community needs and global standards.

SECTION 3. Section 66 of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended by Section 3 of RA number 11279, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 66. Creation of the Philippine Public Safety College. - There is hereby created the Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC), which shall be the premier educational institution for the training, human resource development, and continuing education of all personnel of the

Bureau of Jail Management and Technology BJMP. The PPSC shall consist of the National Jail Management and Penology Training Institute, and other specialized institutes as may be created by law.

The National Fire Training Institute (NFTI), currently operating under the Philippine Public Safety College, is hereby transferred from the supervision and control of the PPSC to the direct management and administration of the Bureau of Fire Protection. The NFTI shall serve as the principal training arm of the BFP, primarily responsible for the conduct of mandatory training, specialized courses, and continuing education programs for all non-commissioned personnel of the Bureau.”

SECTION 4. *Section 67 of RA 6975, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:*

SEC. 67. Composition, Powers, and functions. - The College shall consist of the National Police College, the National Forensic Science Training Institute, and the National Jail Management and Penology Training Institute, and other special training centers as may be created by the Department, whose functions shall be as follows:

- (a) Formulate and implement training programs for all personnel of the jail Bureau and other training centers under the department ;
- (b) Formulate and implement select mandatory career courses for jail commissioned officers;
- (c) Formulate and implement specialized courses for personal of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology;
- (d) Establish and maintain adequate physical training facilities;
- (e) Develop and implement research and development to support educational training programs;
- (f) Conduct an assessment of the training needs of all its clientele; and
- (g) Perform such other related functions as may be prescribed by the Secretary.”

SECTION 5. *A new Section 67-A is hereby inserted in the same Act, to read as follows:*

“SEC. 67-A. National Fire Training Institute (NFTI). - The NFTI shall be the premier institution for fire service education, and the primary responsible for all mandatory training, specialized courses, and continuing education and development of all fire non-commissioned officers. The NFTI shall be under the direct administrative and operational supervision and control of the Chief of the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP).

The NFTI shall be headed by a Director with a rank of Fire Chief Superintendent, who shall be assisted by a Deputy Director with the rank of Fire Senior Superintendent. The NFTI shall have a Dean of Academics and a Commandant, both with the rank of Fire Senior Superintendent.

SECTION 6. *Function of the National Fire Training Institute under BFP.* - The National Fire Training Institute and FDI shall have the following functions :

- (a) Develop, implement, and evaluate comprehensive training programs for all BFP personnel;
- (b) Formulate and conduct mandatory and specialized courses for BFB personnel;

- (c) Formulate and implement training designs for volunteers, industrial workers, public safety sectors;
- (d) Conduct research and development on fire service training methodologies, technologies, and curriculum enhancements;
- (e) Establish and maintain training facilities, equipment, and resources;
- (f) Forge partnerships and collaborations with local and international fire service organizations, academic institutions, and other relevant agencies;
- (g) Recommend policies and standards for BFP personnel training and development to the Chief BFP;
- (h) Conduct assessment of training needs;
- (i) Perform such other functions as may be necessary to fulfill its mandate as the primary training institution of the BFP .

SECTION 7. *A new section 68-A is hereby inserted to read as follows:*

“SEC 68-A. Transition. – (a) Within one hundred twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Chief of the BFP shall submit the revised table of organization and equipment and staffing pattern of the NFTI to the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and the Civil Service Commission (CSC) for approval. The revised table of organization and equipment and staffing pattern may include the reorganization and renaming of the existing BFP training offices and units, and the realignment of functions as may be necessary.

(b) The uniformed and non-uniformed personnel of the NFTI shall be transferred from the PPSC to the BFP and continue to perform their duties and responsibilities and receive their corresponding salaries and benefits;

(c) The BFP, PPSC, and NFTI shall jointly conduct an inventory of all the properties, facilities, records, equipment, funds, choses in action, appropriations, rights, functions, liabilities, and other assets of the NFTI prior to their complete transfer to the BFP

(d) The Secretary of the DILG, the Chief BFP, and the President of the PPSC shall formulate and implement a five (5) year transition plan to ensure the smooth transfer of the NFTI to the BFP.”

SECTION 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NFTI, in coordination with the Bureau of Fire Protection, Philippine Public Safety College, and Department of Interior and Local Government, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 10. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the National Fire Training Institute under the Philippine Public Safety College. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 11. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect .

SECTION 12. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. *Effectivity.* - This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation .

Approved ,