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HOUSE BILL NO. 7726

Introduced by Representative Caroline B. Agyao, MD

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to transfer the National Fire Training Institute (NFTI) from the Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC) to the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) in order to directly address the persistent training and governance gaps that undermine the professionalization of the fire service.

The current set up where the NFTI remains under PPSC has resulted in material deficiencies, including inadequate equipment, dependence on BFP personnel for instruction, lack of specialized facilities, irregular training schedules, bureaucratic delays in curriculum and procurement. These persistent issues demonstrate that third-party supervision fragments accountability and impedes the BFP's ability to meet its operational mandate.

Transferring the NFTI to the BFP is a strategic move to optimize government resources, improve efficiency, and ensure that training is responsive to the unique operational requirements of the fire service. This bill empowers the Bureau of Fire Protection to design, implement, supervise, and evaluate all fire service training programs, enable faster curriculum updates, standardized competencies, integrated support services, and the development of a bureau-wide competency framework.

The immediate passage of the proposed measure will fully integrate and strengthen the BFP's training services, ensuring that the agency is equipped to meet modern challenges in fire protection, disaster, and emergency response. This will eliminate bureaucratic obstacles, strengthen institutional coherence,

and equip the Bureau to save lives and protect property through a modern, efficient, and professional fire service. Hence, this bill.

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


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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE NATIONAL FIRE TRAINING INSTITUTE FROM THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC SAFETY COLLEGE TO THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990,” AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. Section 54 of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 54. *Powers and Functions.* – The Fire Bureau shall be responsible for the prevention and suppression of all destructive fires on buildings, houses and other structures, forest, land transportation vehicles and equipment, ships or vessels docked at piers or wharves or anchored in major seaports, petroleum industry

installations, plane crashes and other similar incidents, as well as the enforcement of the Fire Code and other related laws.

“XXX XXX XXX.

“TO BETTER ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF A HIGHLY EFFICIENT AND COMPETENT FIRE PROTECTION FORCE, THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION SHALL HAVE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OVER THE NATIONAL FIRE TRAINING INSTITUTE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT.”

SEC. 2. Section 66 of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended, 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 Fire Protection and]~~ Bureau of Jail Management and Penology and the ~~[provided]~~ **PROVISION** of select mandatory career courses for police commissioned officers and specialized courses for personnel of the PNP.

“XXX.”

SEC. 3. Section 67 of the same Act is hereby further amended to read
as follows:

“SEC. 67. *Composition, Powers and Functions.* - The
College shall consist of the [~~National Fire Training Institute, the~~
National Police College, the National Forensic Science Training
Institute, 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 [~~Fire and~~] Jail Bureau[s] and other training centers
under the Department;

“xxx xxx xxx.”

SEC. 4. A new Section denominated as Section 67-B is hereby added
after Section 67-A of the same Act, to read as follows:

**“SEC. 67-B. NATIONAL FIRE TRAINING INSTITUTE
(NFTI). – THE NATIONAL FIRE TRAINING INSTITUTE
(NFTI) SHALL SERVE AS THE PREMIER INSTITUTION
FOR FIRE SERVICE EDUCATION. THE NFTI SHALL BE
PRIMARYLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**“(1) MANDATORY TRAINING THAT
CONDUCTS ALL REQUIRED ENTRY-LEVEL AND CAREER**

**ADVANCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR FIRE
SERVICE PERSONNEL;**

**“(2) SPECIALIZED COURSES THAT PROVIDE
TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL COURSES DESIGNED
TO ENHANCE OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS AND
SPECIALIZED SKILLS OF FIRE OFFICERS; AND**

**“(3) CONTINUING EDUCATION AND
DEVELOPMENT THAT ADMINISTERS PROGRAMS FOR
THE ONGOING PROFESSIONAL GROWTH, LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT, AND CAPACITY-BUILDING OF ALL
NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF THE BUREAU OF
FIRE PROTECTION (BFP).**

**“THE NFTI SHALL OPERATE UNDER THE DIRECT
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SUPERVISION
AND CONTROL OF THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE
PROTECTION.**

**“THE NFTI SHALL BE HEADED BY A DIRECTOR
WITH THE RANK OF FIRE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT,
WHO SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR
GENERAL WITH THE RANK OF BFP SENIOR
SUPERINTENDENT. THE NFTI SHALL HAVE A DEAN OF**

**ACADEMICS AND A COMMANDANT, BOTH WITH THE
RANK OF SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT.”**

SEC. 5. All personnel and properties, facilities, records, equipment, funds, choses in action, appropriations, rights, functions, liabilities, and assets of the NFTI are hereby transferred to the BFP.

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 DILG, the Department of Budget and Management, and the Civil Service Commission for approval. The revised table of organization and equipment and staffing pattern may include the reorganization and renaming of existing BFP training offices and units, and the realignment of functions as may be necessary.

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.

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.

The Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, the Director of the 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.

1 SEC. 6. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the
2 National Fire Training Institute shall, in coordination with the Director of the
3 Bureau of Fire Protection, President of the Philippine Public Safety College,
4 and the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government promulgate the
5 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

6 SEC. 7. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and
7 other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
8 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

9 SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
10 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

11 Approved,