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**HOUSE BILL NO. 10939**



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Introduced by:

**HON. CHRISTOPHERSON “COCO” M. YAP**

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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 THIS PURPOSE SECTIONS 66, 67, AND 68 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990”**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill is in support of the legislative agenda of the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), our partner in securing our public and private infrastructures from all destructive fires.

The National Fire Training Institute is established under Republic Act No. 6975 and is responsible for training BFP personnel.

This measure seeks to transfer the NFTI, which is currently under the administration of the Philippine Public Safety College, to the BFP to give the BFP the freedom to manage its programs, craft its policies, and calibrate its programs of instructions in order to be more attuned to the needs of the BFP and its trainees.

In view of the foregoing, **ug sa ngalan sa SERBISYONG TINUORAY**, the undersigned respectfully requests the immediate passage of this measure.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 67 of Republic Act No. 6975 is further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 67. In addition, the BFP shall be responsible for the mandatory and leadership training of all Fire Non-Commissioned Officers (FNCOs). The supervision and control over the NFTI shall be established in the revised table or organization and equipment and staffing patterns under Section 68-B.

The NFTI shall be headed by a Fire Brigadier General.”

**SECTION 2.** Section 66 of R.A. No. 6975, as amended by R.A. No. 11279, otherwise known as “An Act Transferring the PNPA and the NPTI from the PPSC to the PNP” is hereby 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 of all personnel of the Bureau of Jail

Management and Penology and the provider of select mandatory courses for Fire Commissioned Officers and Police Commissioned Officers, and specialized courses for personnel of the PNP.

The College shall be under the direct supervision of a Board of Trustees composed of the Secretary and the three (3) bureau heads.”

**SECTION 3.** Section 67 of R.A. No. 6975, as amended by R.A. No. 11279, is hereby 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, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, 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 Bureaus and other training centers under the Department;
- (b) Formulate and implement select mandatory career courses for police commissioned officers;
- (c) Formulate and implement specialized courses for personnel of the PNP;
- (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 4.** A new Section 68-A is hereby inserted to read as follows:

“Sec. 68-A. *Transfer of Personnel and Properties.* – The personnel and all properties, facilities, records, equipment, funds, choices in action, appropriation, rights, functions, liabilities, and other assets of the NFTI are hereby transferred to the BFP.”

**SECTION 5.** A new Section 68-B is hereby inserted to read as follows:

“Sec. 68-B. *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 the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) 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:

- (a) The 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;
- (b) The BFP, NFTI, and PPSC shall jointly conduct an inventory of all the properties, facilities, records, equipment, funds, choice in action, appropriations, rights, functions, liabilities, and other assets of the NFTI prior to their complete transfer to the BFP;
- (c) The Secretary of the DILG and the Chief, BFP shall formulate and implement a five (5) year transition plan to ensure the smooth transfer of the NFTI to the BFP.”

**SECTION 6. Appropriations.** — The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year’s appropriations of the NFTI under the PPSC. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** — Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the BFP shall, in coordination with the PPSC and DILG shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

**SECTION 8. Separability Clause.** — If any part, section or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 9. Repealing Clause.** — All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, regulations, issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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

*Approved,*