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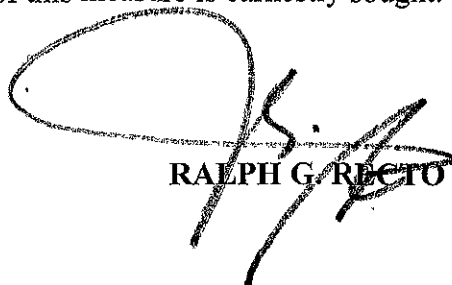
Explanatory Note

Republic Act No. 7898, otherwise known as the AFP Modernization Act, provides for the implementation of a comprehensive modernization program for the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) with the end in view of upgrading its capability to a level where it can fully and effectively perform its constitutional mandate to uphold the sovereignty and preserve the patrimony of the Republic of the Philippines. As provided by R.A. 7898, the AFP Modernization Program shall be implemented over a period of fifteen (15) years.

With the coming expiration of the AFP Modernization Program in December 2011, it has been observed that the program has yet to fulfill its objective of developing the capability of the AFP to become a self-reliant and credible defense force that will be able to meet the challenges of national security. In spite of modest gains, the military organization still lags behind its regional counterparts in terms of capabilities against internal and external threats. Furthermore, reports indicate that out of the P331 Billion allocation for the Modernization Program, only P31 Billion has been spent so far. The rate at which the Modernization Program has been implemented leaves much to be desired for the state of our country's lines of defense against foreign and domestic threats. This is the reason why an extension of the modernization program is in order.

This bill seeks to extend the implementation of the AFP Modernization Program until December 31, 2021, in order to provide adequate time to accomplish the objectives, as mandated in Republic Act No. 7898. Moreover, this measure provides for the creation of a congressional oversight committee in order to monitor the progress of the modernization program and recommend legislative measures, whenever necessary, to aid its implementation.

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



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


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AN ACT
EXTENDING THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM OF THE ARMED FORCES OF
THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7898,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE AFP MODERNIZATION ACT

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

1 **SECTION 1.** *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “AFP Modernization
2 Extension Act of 2011”.

3 **SEC. 2.** Section 6 of Republic Act No. 7898, otherwise known as the “AFP
4 Modernization Act” is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 “**SEC. 6.** *Period of Implementation.* The modernization program under this Act
6 shall be implemented **UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2021**[over a period of fifteen (15)
7 years]. Provided, however, that payments for amortization of outstanding multi-year
8 contract obligations incurred under this Act may extend beyond this period.”

9 **SEC. 3.** Republic Act No. 7898, otherwise known as the “AFP Modernization Act” is
10 hereby amended by inserting a new section after Section 15, to read as follows:

11 “**SEC. 16. CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.** – A
12 **CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE IS HEREBY CREATED TO**
13 **MONITOR THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, WHICH SHALL**
14 **BE COMPOSED OF THE CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEES ON NATIONAL**
15 **DEFENSE AND SECURITY OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF**
16 **REPRESENTATIVES AND FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS FROM EACH**
17 **HOUSE TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE SENATE PRESIDENT AND THE**
18 **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RESPECTIVELY.”**

19 **SEC. 4.** The succeeding sections of Republic Act No. 7898, otherwise known as the
20 “AFP Modernization Act” are hereby renumbered accordingly.

21 **SEC. 5.** *Repealing Clause.* – Provisions of Republic Act No. 7898 and all other existing
22 laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations or administrative regulations that are

1 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, superseded, or
2 repealed accordingly.

3 **SEC. 6. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
4 the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,