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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 57

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights *and* Finance on SEP 20 2011.

Re: Senate Bill No. 2970.

Recommending its approval in substitution of S. Nos 128, 2724 and 2810.

Sponsor: Senator Escudero

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MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights *and* Finance to which was referred S. No. 128, introduced by Senator Franklin M. Drilon, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
TO STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**

S. No. 2724, introduced by Senator Edgardo J. Angara, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
REORGANIZING AND MODERNIZING THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF  
INVESTIGATION, PROVIDING NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.”**

*And* S.No. 2810, introduced by Senator Ramon Revilla, Jr., entitled:

**“AN ACT  
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INVESTIGATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER  
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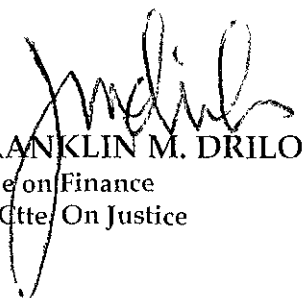
have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No. 2970, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
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INVESTIGATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER  
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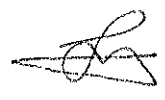
be approved in substitution of S. Nos. 128, 2724 and 2810 with Senators Drilon, Angara, Revilla and Escudero as authors thereof.

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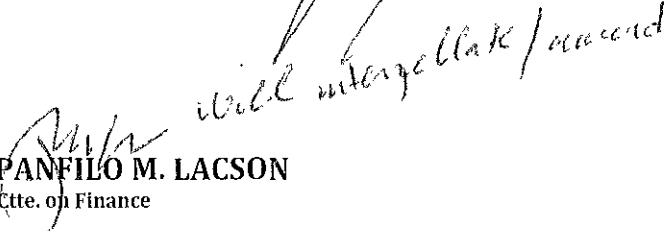
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AN ACT  
REORGANIZING AND MODERNIZING THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF  
INVESTIGATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*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 "National Bureau of  
2 *Investigation Reorganization and Modernization Act of 2011* "

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4           **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is the policy of the state to promote and maintain a  
5 modern, competent and highly trained investigative body, functionally integrated and national in  
6 scope.

7           Toward this end, the state shall formulate plans and programs to enhance and modernize  
8 the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), with expanded structure, capability and manpower,  
9 responsive to the demands of the times.

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11           **SEC. 3. Reorganization, Modernization and Expansion of the National Bureau of**  
12 **Investigation.** - The National Bureau of Investigation, hereinafter referred to as the NBI, is  
13 hereby reorganized and modernized.

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15           The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) shall implement a modernization program  
16 geared towards the acquisition of state-of-the-art investigative and intelligence equipment and  
17 the establishment of forensic and scientific laboratories. The program shall include provisions  
18 for the training of its personnel in this regard.

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20           The investigative and non-investigative staff of the NBI shall be increased and their  
21 positions upgraded to adequately meet the increasing demands of an expanded investigative and  
22 detective work.

1           The present organizational structure of the NBI shall be reorganized into the Office of the  
2 Director, Office of the Deputy Director for Administration and Office of the Deputy Director for  
3 Operations, Office of the Assistant Directors for Investigation Service, Intelligence Service,  
4 Comptroller Service, Internal Audit Service, Forensic and Scientific Research Service, Legal  
5 Service, and Information and Communications Technology Service. Each service shall be  
6 composed of the necessary divisions and sections.

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8           The NBI shall establish a Regional Office in every region and a sub-office in every  
9 province, to be headed by a Regional Director and Head Agent, respectively. Field offices in  
10 Congressional Districts shall likewise be established/maintained.

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12           The investigative and non-investigative staff of the NBI occupying the positions affected  
13 by the changes embodied in this Act at the time of its approval shall thereafter occupy the  
14 positions by this Act, and discharge the duties and functions of their new positions and receive  
15 the corresponding salary and benefits without the necessity of any new appointment.

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17           **SEC. 4. *Qualifications of NBI Agents:***

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19           a.) Citizen of the Philippines;  
20           b.) Of good moral character;  
21           c.) A member of the Philippine Bar or a Holder of a Baccalaureate Degree who passed  
22           the necessary Government licensure examination; and  
23           d.) Other qualifications for appointment as may be required by the NBI. These  
24           qualifications and requirements for appointment shall include, among others, passing  
25           the competitive mental and physical examination and sufficient instruction and  
26           training to be given by the NBI.

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28           **SEC. 5. *Compensation.*** – The Director, for purposes of salary and benefits, shall have  
29 the equivalent rank of an Undersecretary.

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31           Salaries and benefits of other Bureau officials and personnel shall be reckoned from the  
32 salary level of the Director.

1 Subject to availability of funds, salaries and privileges of NBI personnel may be further  
2 increased in amounts to be determined by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM)  
3 and the NBI director.

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5 **SEC. 6. Powers and Functions.** – The NBI shall have the following powers and  
6 functions:

7 a.) Undertake investigation and detection of crimes and other offenses against the laws  
8 of the Philippines, upon its own initiative and as public interest may require;

9 Once the NBI commences the investigation of any crime or offense, it shall  
10 continue to be the lead agency in the investigation until its conclusion. Where the  
11 investigation of any crime or offense is vested in another agency which has already  
12 commenced its own investigation, the NBI shall exercise a supportive and  
13 coordinative role: *Provided, however,* That when otherwise directed by the President  
14 or the Secretary of Justice, or when so requested by the agency concerned or the  
15 victim's family, the NBI shall assume the lead role in the investigation until its final  
16 determination.

17 b.) Act as national clearing house of criminal records and other related information for  
18 the benefit of judicial, quasi-judicial and administrative bodies, all prosecuting and  
19 law enforcement entities, as well as the Legislative and Executive branches of the  
20 Government;

21 c.) Act as repository for the following:

- 22 1. All derogatory and criminal records and civilian identification records, including  
23 their identifying marks and characteristics;
- 24 2. Ballistic records of firearms including but not limited to data ownership,  
25 possession, and other related identifying circumstances for cases handled by the  
26 NBI;
- 27 3. Dental records pursuant to Presidential Decree No. (P.D. No.) 1575; and
- 28 4. National deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) database.

29 For this purpose, a modern NBI Clearance and Identification Center shall be established;

30 d.) Render technical assistance to judicial, quasi-judicial and administrative bodies, all  
31 prosecuting and law enforcement entities of government, as well as, the Legislative  
32 and Executive branches of the Government, when so requested;

33 e.) Establish an NBI Academy which shall be responsible for the recruitment, training  
34 and development of all NBI agents and personnel;

35 f.) Establish and maintain an integrated, comprehensive and state-of-the-art network,  
36 equipment and facilities to be used by the NBI in its criminal investigation, detection  
37 and evidence gathering, and to provide the corresponding training in this regard;

- 1 g.) Establish and maintain a Cyber Investigation and Assessment Center which shall  
2 serve as the nerve center for computer, information technologies, data on cyber crime  
3 cases, computer intrusion, threats and other related crimes or activities;
- 4 h.) Establish and maintain a Forensic and Scientific Research Center which shall service  
5 as the primary center for forensic and scientific research in furtherance of scientific  
6 knowledge in criminal investigation, detection and evidence collection and  
7 preservation; and provide the necessary training therefore;
- 8 i.) Establish, control, supervise and administer a National Deoxyribonucleic Acid  
9 (DNA) database which shall be independent from other agencies;
- 10 j.) Enlist the assistance of the Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the  
11 Philippines or any other agency of the Government, including government-owned  
12 and/or –controlled corporations, in its anti-crime drive. Such assistance may include  
13 the use of the enlisted agency’s personnel and facilities upon prior approval of the  
14 head of the agency concerned;
- 15 k.) Conduct intelligence operations in furtherance of the foregoing powers and functions;
- 16 l.) Enter into any contract or transaction for the acquisition, ownership, possession,  
17 administration, lease, disposition or acceptance of real or personal property in its  
18 name; and
- 19 m.) Perform such other related functions as the President or the Secretary of Justice may  
20 assign.

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22 **SEC. 7. Jurisdiction.** – The NBI shall have investigative jurisdiction over the following  
23 cases:

24 A. Exclusive Jurisdiction:

- 25 1. Cases involving violations of the Anti-Dummy Law.  
26 2. Extradition Cases.

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28 B. Primary Jurisdiction:

- 29 1. Cases where the alleged offender is a public officer or employee where the  
30 penalty to be imposed is imprisonment for not less than six years.  
31 2. Cases where the alleged offenders are members of organized groups or  
32 syndicates.  
33 3. Cases of Human Trafficking.  
34 4. Cybercrime Cases.  
35 5. Cases involving commercial, economic and financial crimes.  
36 6. Cases involving national security.



1           7. Cases involving threats to security or assaults against the persons of the  
2           President, Vice President, Justices of the Supreme Court, Members of Congress  
3           and the Cabinet.

4           8. Investigation, upon proper request, of cases of administrative or civil nature in  
5           which the Government is interested.

6           9. Identification of the dead/victims in case of mass fatality incident caused by  
7           natural disasters.

8           *Provided, however.* That the President, Secretary of Justice or NBI Director may  
9           direct investigation of any crime when public interest so requires; and *Provided further,*  
10          That the NBI shall have authority to investigate all crimes not assigned exclusively to  
11          other law enforcement agencies; *And Provided finally,* That once the NBI takes  
12          cognizance of a case within its primary jurisdiction, all other agencies shall provide  
13          supportive role in the investigation.

14          The NBI may likewise extend its services, whenever properly requested, in the  
15          investigation of cases of administrative or civil nature in which the government is  
16          interested.

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18          **SEC. 8. *The NBI Director, Other Officials and the Personnel Selection Board***  
19          ***(PSB).*** – The NBI shall be headed by a Director and assisted by two (2) Deputy  
20          Directors, one Deputy Director for Administration and another Deputy Director for  
21          Operations, and an Assistant Director for each of the following seven (7) Services:  
22          Investigation Service, Intelligence Service, Comptroller Service, Internal Audit Service,  
23          Forensic and Scientific Research Service, Legal Service, and Information and  
24          Communications Technology Service.

25          Rank and classification of NBI officials and members of the investigative staff  
26          shall be as follows:

- 27           a. Director  
28           b. Deputy Director  
29           c. Assistant Director  
30           d. Regional Director  
31           e. Assistant Regional Director  
32           f. Head Agent  
33           g. Supervising Agent  
34           h. Senior Agent  
35           i. Agent III  
36           j. Agent II  
37           k. Agent I

1 No person shall be appointed Director unless he is a natural-born citizen of the  
2 Philippines, a member of the Philippine Bar and should come from the ranks of Deputy  
3 Directors and Assistant Directors. He shall serve for a term of three (3) years without  
4 reappointment.

5 Bureau officials, from Director I to Bureau Director, shall be appointed by the  
6 President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Personnel Selection Board  
7 (PSB) as approved by the NBI Director.

8 Forensic doctors, chemists and other experts shall be called Special Agents. Their  
9 ranks shall be equal to regular agents.

10 The PSB shall be composed of the Deputy Directors and Assistant Directors and  
11 such other members as may be required by law. It shall be chaired by the Deputy  
12 Director for Administration. The PSB shall have the power to recommend, for approval,  
13 by the NBI Director, all promotions and selections of personnel and the criteria thereof.

14 The PSB shall continue to adopt a merit system on the basis of highly technical  
15 qualifications in the fields of investigation, forensics and intelligence without need of any  
16 additional prescribed government eligibility requirements. This separate merit system  
17 shall provide for the career development program for each position and rank and shall  
18 apply to all incumbent officials and employees of the Bureau.

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20 **SEC. 9. Powers and Functions of the Director.** – The Director shall have the  
21 following powers and functions:

- 22 a.) Formulate policies, guidelines and programs to effectively carry out the  
23 purposes of this Act;
- 24 b.) Direct, control and supervise the administration and operations of the NBI;
- 25 c.) Promulgate rules and regulations as may be necessary or proper for the  
26 effective exercise of the powers and functions as well as the discharge of the  
27 duties and responsibilities of the NBI, its officials and personnel;
- 28 d.) Determine, from time to time, subject to availability of funds, the limits to  
29 which, in terms of amount and period covered, reasonable allowances,  
30 incentives, bonuses, privileges and other benefits may be given to Bureau  
31 employees;
- 32 e.) Create or abolish any division/unit as may be required by the exigencies of  
33 the service;
- 34 f.) Deploy any of its officials or personnel for out-of-country missions including,  
35 but not limited to, assignments as functionaries attached to any Philippine  
36 Embassy, consulate or any other diplomatic office abroad in coordination with  
37 the Department of Foreign Affairs: *Provided*, That any expense incurred by

1 the NBI representative in the establishment of his or her office, including  
2 operation and maintenance, is shouldered by the NBI;

- 3 g.) Hire consultants for such length of time as may be deemed required by the  
4 exigencies of the service;
- 5 h.) Issue mission orders and permits to carry firearms outside residence to its  
6 agents;
- 7 i.) Designate NBI informants;
- 8 j.) Remove, suspend or otherwise discipline NBI personnel for a cause in  
9 accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations and other pertinent laws,  
10 in any of the following circumstances:
- 11 1.) When the charge is serious and the evidence of guilt is strong, or  
12 2.) When the respondent is notoriously undesirable.
- 13 k.) Perform any and all acts necessary, proper or incidental to the attainment of  
14 the purposes and objectives of this Act; and
- 15 l.) Perform such other related functions as may be provided by law or authorized  
16 by the Secretary of Justice.

17 **SEC. 10. Powers and Functions of the Investigative Staff.** - The Investigative  
18 staff of the NBI shall have the following powers and functions:

- 19 a.) Conduct searches, arrests and seizures in accordance with existing laws, rules  
20 and regulations;
- 21 b.) Issue subpoenas or *subpoena duces tecum* for the appearance of any person  
22 for investigation; Deliberate and unjustified failure to obey the subpoena  
23 herein mentioned shall render the person concerned liable for obstruction of  
24 justice under P.D. 1829;
- 25 c.) Take and require sworn statements of any person or persons so summoned in  
26 relation to cases under investigation;
- 27 d.) Administer oaths in cases under investigation; and
- 28 e.) Own, possess and carry, outside their office and residence, suitable and  
29 adequate firearms for their personal protection in connection with their duties  
30 and for the proper protection of witnesses and persons in custody: *Provided,*  
31 *That no previous special permit for such possession shall be required.*
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33 **SEC. 11. Benefits and Privileges.** - The NBI shall provide its employees with  
34 the following benefits:

- 1 a.) Health care services through a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO).  
2 Expenses for the mandatory annual executive check-up of all regular  
3 employees shall be for the account of the NBI;
- 4 b.) Accident insurance policies for all employees, procured by the NBI at its own  
5 expense, while in the performance of their official duties and functions;
- 6 c.) Without prejudice to efficiency in the service, grant trainings, scholarships  
7 and seminars to deserving employees, on official time and at the expense of  
8 the NBI. to upgrade their knowledge and skills: *Provided* That grantees under  
9 this provision shall be selected on the basis of merit as determined by  
10 competitive examination;
- 11 d.) Longevity pay subject to guidelines that shall hereafter be issued by the NBI  
12 Director in accordance with existing laws and regulations; and
- 13 e.) A Provident Fund which shall consist of contributions made by both the  
14 management and member-employees to a common fund to provide additional  
15 benefits to NBI employees. The Fund shall be provided with a capital to be  
16 sourced from, among others, retained collection from clearance fees. Said  
17 Fund shall be augmented by counterpart contributions of NBI personnel at an  
18 amount to be agreed upon by the management and member-employees.

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20 **SEC. 12. Retirement Benefits.** – Upon attaining sixty (60) years of age with  
21 at least fifteen (15) years of continuous government service, or upon accumulation of  
22 thirty (30) years of satisfactory continuous service, whichever is earlier, an NBI  
23 personnel shall be compulsorily retired and shall be entitled to receive benefits provided  
24 by law. Monetary incentive/special allowances shall, for retirement purposes, be an  
25 integral part of a retiree's basic salary.

26 **SEC. 13. Legal Assistance.** – A special trust fund shall be established to  
27 assist NBI personnel who are criminally charged in connection with the performance of  
28 their official functions. Aside from legal assistance, medical, funeral and other assistance  
29 shall be extended by the Director when necessary. Five percent (5%) of the NBI annual  
30 income from clearance fees and other fees should be set aside for this purpose.

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32 **SEC. 14. Seminars and Other Professional Fees.** – Subject to availability of  
33 funds, fees for relevant seminars, as well as professional membership fees for lawyers,  
34 registration fees, and related miscellaneous expenses incurred in completing the  
35 Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) course shall be borne by the NBI.  
36 Moreover, professional membership, registration fees, including the mandatory  
37 continuing professional education (CPE), and related miscellaneous expenses of other

1 employees holding positions for which a professional license is required by the NBI, shall  
2 be borne by the NBI.

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4 **SEC. 15. *Transportation Benefits.*** – Subject to availability of funds,  
5 employees shall be provided with contracted transportation services until such time that  
6 the office can procure additional motor vehicles for this purpose.

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8 **SEC. 16. *Franking Privilege.*** – All official mail matters of the NBI  
9 addressed for delivery within the Philippines shall be received, transmitted and delivered  
10 free of charge: *Provided*, That such mail matters when addressed to private persons or  
11 non-government offices shall not exceed one hundred and twenty (120) grams; *Provided*  
12 *further*, That use of this privilege for non-official purposes shall be a ground for  
13 disciplinary action.

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15 **SEC. 17. *Grant of Special Allowances.*** – The investigative and non-investigative  
16 personnel of the NBI shall be granted special allowances in amounts to be determined by  
17 the NBI Director and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

18 The grant of special allowances shall be implemented uniformly in such sums  
19 and amounts and to the extent that can be supported by the funding source as specified in  
20 Section 19 hereof: *Provided*, That said special allowance shall not exceed One Hundred  
21 percent (100%) of the basic salary of the NBI personnel concerned as provided for in  
22 R.A. No. 6758 otherwise known as the Salary Standardization Law of 1989, as amended.

23 **SEC. 18. *Use of NBI Clearance Fees and other fees.*** – The NBI shall be  
24 authorized to use all of its collections from clearance fees to augment its operational  
25 expenses such as but not limited to capital outlay, expenses for health care services,  
26 career advancement and professionalization, legal assistance, seminars and other  
27 professional fees, among others. The NBI Director shall also have the authority to  
28 determine and impose other fees when necessary.

29 **SEC. 19. *Funding Source.*** – The funds required for the implementation of this  
30 Act including employee benefits shall be taken from:

- 31 1. All collections from NBI clearance and certification fees;  
32 2. All service incomes from trainings, DNA, drug tests, confirmatory and neuro tests  
33 and the like;  
34 3. Ten Percent (10%) of the proceeds of confiscated/forfeited articles from the cases  
35 investigated by the NBI upon order of the court  
36 4. Other miscellaneous incomes; and

1           5. Other fees which may be determined or imposed by the Director.

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3           **SEC. 20. *Effect of Subsequent Salary Increases.*** – Upon implementation of any  
4 subsequent increased in the salary rates provided under R.A. No. 6758, as amended, all  
5 special allowances granted under Section 17 hereof shall be considered as an  
6 implementation of said salary increases as provided by law. The special allowances  
7 equivalent to the increase in the basic salary as may be provided by law shall be converted  
8 as part of the basic salary: *Provided*, That the amounts converted as basic salary shall be  
9 funded from the regular appropriations of the NBI. Any excess in the allowances granted  
10 under this Act not converted to basic salary shall continue to be granted as such and shall  
11 continue to be funded under the immediately preceding Section.

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13           **SEC. 21. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from  
14 the approval of this Act, the NBI Director in coordination with the Secretary of Budget and  
15 Management shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out  
16 the provisions of this Act.

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18           **SEC. 22. *Transitory Provisions.*** – All unexpended appropriations, real and  
19 personal property, contracts, records and documents relating to the existing NBI shall be  
20 transferred to the reorganized NBI.

21           All rights, obligations and liabilities of the existing NBI shall likewise be deemed  
22 to be rights, obligations and liabilities of the reorganized NBI.

23           All incumbent officials and personnel of the NBI shall continue in office and  
24 perform their duties as such without need of reappointment *Provided*, That the incumbent  
25 Assistant Director shall continue in Office as Deputy Director and the incumbent Deputy  
26 Directors shall continue in office as Assistant Directors of their respective or equivalent  
27 services.

28           Incumbent special investigators shall be deemed regular agents provided they  
29 meet the qualifications set forth under Section 4 hereof within two (2) years from the  
30 effectivity of this Act.

31           **SEC. 23. *Repealing Clause.*** – Pertinent provisions of Executive Order 292, the  
32 Revised Administrative Code of 1987, as amended, R.A. No. 460 dated December 3, 1997,  
33 R.A. No. 157 dated June 19, 1947, Executive Order No. 482 dated May 7, 1998,  
34 Administrative Order No. 117 dated February 17, 1994, and all laws, decrees, orders, rules  
35 and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of  
36 this Act, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

1                   **SEC. 24. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or  
2 unconstitutional the provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and  
3 effect.

4                   **SEC. 25. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its  
5 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the  
6 Philippines.

*Approved,*