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EXPLANATORY NOTE

At present, the Philippine Air Force is in a modernization program which wishes to upgrade training, equipment and facilities.

Except for the PAF flying schools (PAFFS), there is no other institution that adequately concentrates in training potential pilots to fly procured aircraft. Furthermore, our nation is blessed with thousands of talented High School graduates that are able to serve our country. Unfortunately, these students are denied access to quality education because of lack of financial resources. The creation of the Philippine Air Force Academy wishes to promote accessibility to quality education and create a potential pool of officer pilots that would operate state of the art military equipment. In addition, the Philippine Military Academy does not have the expertise to instruct potential pilots on the intricacies of aviation.

For this foregoing reasons, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE ACADEMY (PAFA) AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Philippine Air Force Academy.*** – There shall be
2 established in the Philippine Air Force an educational institution to be known as
3 the Philippine Air Force Academy (PAFA), hereinafter referred to as the
4 Academy, for the instruction and preparation for military service of Air Force
5 Cadets.

6 **SEC. 2. *Administration.*** – The Academy as herein established shall be
7 organized and administered by the Commanding General, Philippine Air Force
8 (PAF) under the general supervision and control of the Chief of Staff of the
9 Armed Forces of the Philippines.

10 **SEC. 3. *Academic Board.*** – The Academic Board of the Academy shall
11 be composed of the Superintendent, the Dean of the Corps of Professors, the
12 Commandant of Cadets and the Heads of the departments to be constituted as
13 follows:

- 14 (a) The Superintendent and the Commandant of Cadets of the
15 Academy shall be detailed to those positions by the President from
16 the Officers of the Air Force.

1 (b) The Dean of the Corps of Professors shall be appointed from the
2 permanent professors who have served as heads of departments of
3 instructions at the Academy.

4 The Academic Board shall have the power to confer the degree of
5 Bachelor of Science under such rules and regulations as the Chief of Staff of the
6 New Armed Forces of the Philippines may prescribe upon all cadets who may
7 hereafter satisfactorily complete the approved course of studies.

8 **SEC. 4. *Department Title and Faculty.*** – The Chief of Staff of the
9 Armed Forces of the Philippines may prescribe the titles of each of the
10 departments of instruction and the professors of the Academy. However, each
11 change of the title of the department of professor shall not affect the status, rank
12 or eligibility for promotion or retirement of, or otherwise prejudice, a professor of
13 the Academy.

14 **SEC. 5. *Cadet Corps of the Philippine Air Force.*** – The student body
15 of the Academy shall be known as the Cadet Corps of the Philippine Air Force
16 (CCPAF). The President is authorized to appoint annually, subject to such
17 physical and mental examinations as may be prescribed, the number of cadets
18 necessary to maintain the Cadet Corps at a strength of four hundred and not to
19 exceed four hundred eighty (480) at any one time.

20 The strength of the Cadet Corps of the Philippine Air Force is as follows:

- 21 1) Two (2) cadets from each Congressional District, nominated by the
22 Congressional Representative of the District; and
- 23 2) Eighty (80) cadet from the Philippines, at large, which shall be
24 composed of :
 - 25 a) Twenty (20) selected in order merit, as established by
26 competitive examination by competitive examination from
27 the children of members of the Armed Forces who:
 - 28 i) were killed in action or died of wounds or injuries received or
29 diseases contracted in or pre-existing injury or disease

1 aggravated by active service, or

- 2 ii) were awarded the Medal of Honor for an act performed while
3 in the Armed Forces.

4 For the purpose of this Act, a determination by the Line of Duty Board of
5 the major services that a death is service connected is binding upon the
6 Secretary of National Defense.

- 7 b) Forty (40) from the enlisted members of the Armed Forces,
8 twenty (20) from the regular Armed Forces and twenty (20)
9 from the reserve components of the Armed Force.

10 The Secretary of National Defense shall prescribe regulations for the
11 selection of candidates under this sub-section.

- 12 c) Twenty (20) from the cultural communities as may be
13 selected by the President.

14 The Academy shall provide for educational and physical facilities for the
15 recruitment and training of women as members of the Cadet Corps.

16 Four (4) years from the approval of this Act, women shall be admitted and
17 shall comprise not less than five percent (5%) of the strength of the Cadet Corps
18 at any time.

19 All Cadets shall be appointed by the President. An appointment is
20 conditional until the cadet is admitted.

21 If it is to be determined that, upon the admission of a new class to the
22 Academy, the number of cadets at the Academy will be below the authorized
23 number, the Chief of Staff may nominate, as may be qualified, alternates and are
24 recommended and found qualified by the Faculty as are necessary to meet the
25 needs of the Air Force, but not more than the authorized strength of the Cadet
26 Corps.

27 **SEC. 6. *Eligibility for Admission.*** – To be eligible for admission, a
28 candidate must be:

- 29 1) Single and must never have been married;

- 1 2) A natural-born citizen of the Philippines:
- 2 3) At least seventeen (17) years of age but not more than twenty-two
- 3 (22) years of age on the first day of April of the year of admission;
- 4 4) At least a high school graduate;
- 5 5) A successful examinee of the prescribed physical and mental
- 6 examination; and
- 7 6) A successful examinee of the National College Entrance
- 8 Examination.

9 **SEC. 7. Pay and Allowances.** – The pay and allowances of the Cadets
10 of the Academy shall be fixed by the President.

11 **SEC. 8. Undertaking.** – Each Cadet shall sign an agreement that,
12 unless sooner separated by duly authorized authorities, he shall:

- 13 1) Complete the course of instruction at the Academy;
- 14 2) Accept an appointment and serve as a commissioned officer of the
- 15 Armed Forces of the Philippines for at least eight (8) years
- 16 immediately after graduation from the Academy.

17 **SEC. 9. Cadet Retirement.** – Any Cadet who shall, after entrance to the
18 Academy and before completion of prescribed courses of training, be found
19 physically or mentally unfit for military assignment by reason of injury or disease
20 incident to the service, shall be retired with the rank of a second lieutenant of the
21 Armed Forces of the Philippines.

22 **SEC. 10. Prohibition Against Hazing.** – Subject to the approval of the
23 Secretary of National Defense, the Superintendent of the Academy shall issue
24 rules and regulations preventing hazing and prescribe dismissal, suspension and
25 other adequate punishment for violation thereof.

26 For the purpose of this Act, “hazing” means any unauthorized assumption of
27 authority by a cadet whereby another cadet suffers or is exposed to any form of
28 injury, indignity, humiliation, hardship or oppression, or the deprivation or
29 abridgement of any right.

1 If a cadet is charged with violating any rules or regulation issued pursuant
2 to this Section, the penalty of which is dismissal from the Academy, a request in
3 writing for a trial by a general court martial may be submitted.

4 A cadet dismissed from the Academy for hazing shall not be reappointed
5 as an Air Force Cadet and shall be ineligible for appointment as a commissioned
6 officer in the Armed Forces of the Philippines unit after two (2) years from the
7 graduation of his class.

8 **SEC. 11. *Commission.*** – Upon satisfactory completion of the course of
9 instruction at the Academy, the cadets shall be commissioned second lieutenants
10 in the regular force of the Philippine Air Force with the relative rank in the order of
11 final general standing as determined by the Academic Board of the Academy and
12 approved by the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

13 **SEC. 12. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.*** – The Philippine Air Force
14 Flying School, including the members of its faculty and personnel, its records,
15 equipment, equipment, assets and liabilities are hereby transferred to and
16 integrated with the Philippine Air Force Academy.

17 **SEC. 13. *Budget.*** – The initial appropriations necessary for the
18 establishment of the Academy shall be charged to the appropriation of the
19 Department of National Defense. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the
20 improvement, operation and maintenance of the Academy shall be included in
21 the annual General Appropriations Act.

22 **Sec. 14. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
23 publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,