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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Since the withdrawal of foreign bases in the Philippines, the Philippine Navy has had to bear the brunt of Patrolling our massive coastline. The present modernization program of the Armed Forces requires that Personnel of the Philippine Navy be of world class caliber.

This bill aims to create the Philippine Naval Academy to train and educate future leaders of our Navy. As superpowers, assert their military muscles in the region the need to further educate our military Personnel to be an efficient fighting force becomes more apparent.

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

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**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NAVAL ACADEMY, APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1 SECTION 1. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to enhance the  
2 Regular Naval Force by developing further the education and training of persons  
3 who will serve therein.

4 SEC. 2. There is hereby created a Philippine Naval Academy, hereinafter  
5 referred to as the Naval Academy, for the training of selected candidates for  
6 permanent commission in the Regular Naval Force.

7 SEC. 3. The Naval Academy shall be organized and administered by the  
8 Academic Board under the supervision and control of the Chief of Staff of the  
9 Armed Forces of the Philippines.

10 SEC. 4. a) The Academic Board shall be composed of the  
11 superintendent, as Chairman, the Dean of the Corps of Professors and the  
12 Commandant of Cadets, as members;

13 b) The Superintendent and the Commandant of the Naval Academy  
14 shall be detailed to those positions by the President of the Philippines from the  
15 Officers of the Regular Naval Force.

1           c)     The Dean of the Corps of Professors shall be appointed by the  
2 President from the permanent professors who have served as heads of the  
3 departments of the Naval Academy: *Provided*, That pending the qualification of  
4 the regular Dean of the Corps of Professors, an Acting Dean shall be appointed  
5 by the President who shall serve for a period not longer than one (1) year from  
6 the establishment of the Naval Academy.

7           d)     The heads of the departments, professors or instructors of the  
8 Naval Academy shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines from  
9 among the nominees of the Superintendent with the assistance of the Dean of  
10 the Corps of Professors: *Provided*, That no graduate of the Naval Academy may  
11 be appointed or detailed to serve therein as a professor or instructor within five  
12 (5) years after his graduation.

13          e)     Other officers on duty at the Naval Academy, except the permanent  
14 professors, may be detailed from the Regular Naval Force.

15          SEC. 5. The Academic Board shall have the following powers and  
16 functions:

17          a)     To receive and appropriate such sums as may be provided for by  
18 law to support the Naval Academy.

19          b)     To grant a baccalaureate degree to a Naval cadet who has  
20 completed the courses of study and the rules of disciplines required by it;

21          c)     To appoint or detail such number of personnel as may be  
22 necessary to carry out the mandate of this Act; and

23          d)     To exercise such powers and functions as may be necessary to  
24 carry out the policy of this Act.

25          SEC. 6. The Quartermaster of the Naval Academy shall be detailed by  
26 the President of the Philippines from the Regular Naval Force. The  
27 Quartermaster shall buy and issue all supplies for the Naval Cadets; buy and  
28 issue all provisions for the mess; and shall supervise the mess. The

1 Quartermaster shall make a monthly report to the Academic Board with respect  
2 to matters under his authority.

3 SEC. 7. a) The President of the Philippines is hereby authorized to  
4 appoint to the Naval Academy annually, subject to such physical and mental  
5 examinations as he may prescribed, the number of Naval Cadets shall be  
6 selected from among candidates as hereinafter provided.

7 b) A quota of one (1) member of the Naval Cadet Corps, hereinafter  
8 referred to as Congressional quota shall be allotted to each Congressional  
9 District: *Provided*, That in case no candidate from a given Congressional District  
10 attains the required minimum ratings, the vacancies in the Congressional quota  
11 shall be filled by the President from successful candidates at large with the  
12 highest ratings: *Provided*, however, That a quota of four (4) members of the  
13 Naval Cadet Corps shall be filled by the President directly, without Congressional  
14 nominations: *Provided*, further, That a quota of eight (8) members of the Naval  
15 Cadet Corps shall be filled by the President directly, without Congressional  
16 nomination, from qualified candidates with the highest ratings who are enlisted  
17 men of the Regular Force and who have completed at least one (1) year of active  
18 military service and are in active status at the time of admission: *Provided, still,*  
19 *further*, That a quota of four (4) members of the Naval Cadet Corps shall be filled  
20 by the President directly, without Congressional nomination, from qualified  
21 candidates with the highest ratings who are sons of enlisted men who are serving  
22 or who have honorably served for a period of at least six (6) months in the Armed  
23 Forces of the Republic of the Philippines: *Provided, still furthermore*, That  
24 physically qualified sons of military personnel who have been cited for and  
25 awarded the medal for valor may be appointed as Naval Cadets by the President  
26 directly, without Congressional nomination, and mental examination: *Provided*,  
27 finally, That a quota of one (1) foreign Naval Cadet per class may be allotted to  
28 each foreign country maintaining diplomatic relations with the Republic of the

1 Philippines on the condition that the pay and allowances, per diems and  
2 travelling expenses of such Naval Cadet be borne by his country.

3 c) The student body of the Naval Academy shall be known as the  
4 Naval Cadet Corps of the Regular Naval Force of the Philippines.

5 a) A natural-born citizen of the Philippines;

6 b) Single and must never have been married;

7 c) At least seventeen (17) years of age but not more than twenty-two  
8 (22) years of age on the first day of April of the year of admission; and

9 d) A successful participant in the prescribed physical and mental  
10 examination.

11 SEC. 8. The pay and allowances of the Naval Cadets at the Naval  
12 Academy shall be fixed by the President of the Philippines.

13 SEC. 9. a) A Naval Cadets shall be divided into companies as directed  
14 by the Academic Board for the purpose of military instruction.

15 b) A Naval Cadet shall perform duties at such places and of such type  
16 as the President may direct.

17 c) The course of instruction at the Naval Academy is four (4) years.

18 d) The Academic Board shall so arrange the course of studies at the  
19 Academy that Naval Cadets are not required to pursue their studies on Sunday.

20 e) The Naval Cadets Corps shall be trained in the duties of members  
21 of the Regular Naval Force at least three (3) months each year.

22 SEC. 10. Any person, except foreign cadets, who shall, after entrance to  
23 the Naval Academy and before completion of the prescribed course of training,  
24 be found to be physically unfit for military duty by reason of injury or disease  
25 incident to the service, shall be retired and shall be entitled to the retirement pay  
26 and allowances as an Ensign in the Regular Naval Force.

27 SEC. 11. Subject to the approval of the Chief of Staff of the Armed  
28 Forces of the Philippines, the Superintendent of the Naval Academy, with the  
29 assistance of the members of the Academic Board, shall issue rules and

1 regulations preventing hazing and prescribe suspension, dismissal and other  
2 adequate punishment for violation thereof.

3 If a Naval Cadet is charged with violating any rule or regulation issued  
4 pursuant to this Section, the penalty of which is dismissal from the Naval  
5 Academy, a request in writing for a trial by a General Court Martial may be  
6 submitted.

7 A Naval Cadet dismissed from the Academy for hazing shall not be re-  
8 appointed as a commissioned officer in the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

9 SEC. 12. Upon satisfactory completion of the course of instruction at the  
10 Naval Cadet shall be commissioned Ensign in the Regular Naval Force, with the  
11 relative rank in the order of final general standing as determined by the Academic  
12 Board of the Naval Academy and approved by the Chief of Staff of the Armed  
13 Forces of the Philippines.

14 SEC. 13. The initial budget necessary for the establishment of the Naval  
15 Academy shall be charged to the appropriation of the Department of National  
16 Defense. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the operation, improvement and  
17 maintenance of the Naval Academy shall be included in the annual General  
18 Appropriations Act.

19 SEC. 14. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
20 the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general  
21 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,