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GRANTING ADDITIONAL SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO POLICE OFFICERS  
WHO HAVE BEEN INJURED OR FELL IN THE LINE OF DUTY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 16, Section 6 provides:

Section 6. The State shall establish and maintain one police force, which shall be national in scope and civilian in character, to be administered and controlled by a national police commission. The authority of local executives over the police units in their jurisdiction shall be provided by law.

Due to the dire law and order situation in the Philippines, especially in dense urban areas where street killings and highly organized kidnapping are not uncommon, members and officers of our civilian police force regularly put their lives and limbs in danger for the sake of the safety of each citizen.

Our police force combats not only petty and urban crime, but fully armed and organized combatants that threaten the peace as well. Just recently, the country has been witness to the courageous acts of members of the Philippine National Police Special Action Force (PNP-SAF). While the mission successfully neutralized international terrorist Zulkifli Abdhir, aka. Marwan, the operation cost 44 members of the PNP-SAF their lives.

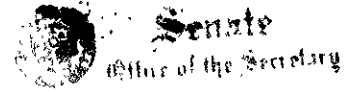
To voluntarily and regularly risk one's life for the peace safety of those around him is one of the most difficult and honorable professions, yet it is fraught with much grief and often goes thankless. The families of fallen police officers, especially their

children, must bear the burden of their sacrifice. Just reward and compensation are due to those who lose life and limb in the line of duty.

This Act seeks to compensate police officers that have been injured or have fallen in the line of duty, by providing one of their children with free college education.

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

4 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Line of Duty Act”.

5 SECTION 2. *Administrator.* – For the purposes of this Act, the Director General  
6 of the Philippine National Police, hereinafter referred to as the PNP, shall act as the  
7 Administrator, and shall be responsible for the efficient implementation of this Act. He  
8 shall also promulgate the rules and regulations for the implementation of the same.

9 SECTION 3. *Eligibility.* – The benefits of this Act shall apply to all members and  
10 officers of the PNP, as defined by Republic Act. No. 6975, otherwise known as “The  
11 Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990” who have been injured or  
12 fell in the line of duty.

13 SECTION 4. *Definition.* – For the purposes of this Act, the term “injured or fell in  
14 the line of duty” applies when:

- 15 (1) The member or officer of the PNP suffers death caused by an accident  
16 or willful violence of another during the active performance of his  
17 official duties;

1 (2) The member or officer of the PNP dies as a direct result of an injury  
2 sustained during the active performance of his official duties. The death  
3 must be a natural and probable consequence of the sustained injury;

4 (3) The member or officer of the PNP dies off duty, while acting in an  
5 official capacity to prevent loss of property, injury, or death, or is  
6 targeted because of his duties as a member or officer of the PNP.

7 (4) The member or officer of the PNP suffers injury caused by an accident  
8 or willful violence of another during the active performance of his  
9 official duties. Such injury must be permanent and must render the  
10 member or officer physically incapable to perform the official duties  
11 required of his position.

12 This excludes death or injury resulting from the gross negligence, willful  
13 misconduct or intoxication of the member or officer;

14 SECTION 5. *Educational Benefits.* – One (1) child of any member or officer of  
15 the PNP who has been injured or fallen in the line of duty shall be admitted to a State  
16 University or College (SUC) within the vicinity of his residence, with all school fees,  
17 including tuition, matriculation, athletic, library, laboratory, medical, military training,  
18 diploma and graduation fees, at the expense of the Government, subject to the reasonable  
19 entrance requirements of the SUC, subject further, to the rules and conditions  
20 promulgated by the Administrator.

21 In case the member or officer has one or more children, the child to receive the  
22 benefit of this Act shall be chosen by the surviving legal spouse of the member or officer,  
23 or legal guardian of the child, should the spouse be incapacitated.

1           This shall be without prejudice to a prior determination by the member or officer  
2 of which child shall receive the benefit, subject to the manner to be prescribed by the  
3 Administrator.

4           SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid  
5 or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall  
6 remain valid and subsisting.

7           SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,  
8 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to  
9 or is inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended  
10 accordingly.

11           SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
12 its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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