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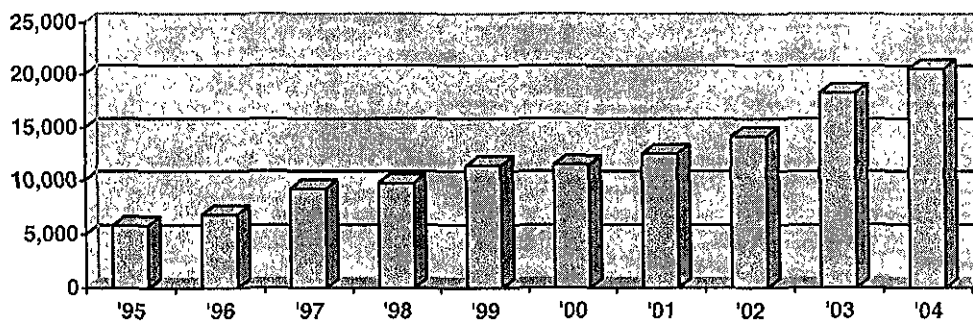
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 63 of Republic Act No. 6975 provides that there shall be established and maintained in every district, city and municipality a secured, clean, adequately equipped, and sanitary jail for the safekeeping of city and municipal prisoners, any fugitive from justice, or person detained awaiting investigation or trial and/or transfer to the national penitentiary, and/or violent mentally ill person. Hence, in every city and municipality in Metropolitan Manila and highly urbanized centers in the country there is a jail maintained and supervised by the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP). In addition, district jails were also established according to law.

At present, there are thirteen (13) city, six (6) municipal and one (1) district jails in Metropolitan Manila. In addition, BJMP man and supervise a Female Dormitory and Molave Youth Home, all in Quezon City. These jails as of April 30, 2004 have a total jail population of twenty thousand one hundred thirty five (20,135) which are manned by more or less one thousand two hundred (1,200) jail personnel.

BJMP statistics shows that the inmate population of these jails has steadily increased through the years as shown in the chart and graph below:



1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
5,800	6,827	9,220	9,730	11,462	11,528	12,559	14,208	18,278	20,589

Meanwhile, the jail facilities in most municipalities and cities in Metropolitan Manila and other highly urbanized centers in the country have not been improved as desired and, in some cases, have even deteriorated. Conditions in these jails, inspite of the best efforts of the Jail Bureau, are below normal human living conditions, to say the least. Congestion in these jails is the main problem upon which the cause of most of the other jail problem can be traced.

This bill may be visionary but it is practical. It will address the congestion problem of our jails in Metropolitan Manila and other highly urbanized centers. With the establishment of the integrated jail facility, the jail of each municipality or city can easily be improved to accommodate additional inmates. It will rid each municipal and city government of having an obnoxious jail within its jurisdiction. Like it or not even the most well-kept and administered jail, which is usually located near the municipal

or city hall, is an unwanted facility in the area. Municipality or city government will be rid of the perennial problem of how and where to expand its jails to accommodate the constantly increasing jail population. The National government will be able to provide and project to the international community an adequately equipped jail, thus, improving its image in the community or nations. The National government will be able to comply with its international obligation of providing in a real sense, separate jail facilities for the female inmates and children in conflict with the law (CICL). The Jail Bureau will greatly improve its supervision, management, control and upkeep of these jails. With the establishment of the integrated jail facility, the Jail Bureau will be able to maximize the use of its available personnel, logistics and other resources.

Approval of this bill into law is therefore urgently and earnestly requested.

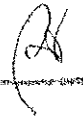


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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION SIXTY THREE OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIXTY NINE SEVENTY FIVE OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990" BY INSERTING THERETO A PARAGRAPH PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTEGRATED JAIL FACILITY IN METROPOLITAN MANILA AND OTHER HIGHLY URBANIZED CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of an Integrated Jail Facility in Metropolitan Manila and Other Urbanized Centers in the Country.* - Section 63 of Republic Act No. 6975 is hereby amended by inserting between paragraphs one and two thereof the following paragraphs to read as follows:

"IN METROPOLITAN MANILA AND OTHER HIGHLY URBANIZED CENTERS OF THE COUNTRY HOWEVER, THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY MAY ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATED JAIL FACILITY.

"THE INTEGRATED JAIL FACILITY SHALL CONSIST OF ALL MUNICIPAL, DISTRICT AND CITY JAILS WITHIN METROPOLITAN MANILA OR OTHER HIGHLY URBANIZED CENTERS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JAIL BUREAU AND APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL BE CO-LOCATED IN ONE PLACE OR AREA. THE EXISTING JAILS IN EACH MUNICIPALITY OR CITY, INCLUDING DISTRICT JAILS, WILL BE ABOLISHED AND THE INMATES THEREIN TRANSFERRED TO THE INTEGRATED JAIL FACILITY.

"THERE SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN THE INTEGRATED JAIL FACILITY A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT JAIL FOR EACH MUNICIPALITY AND CITY IN METROPOLITAN MANILA OR THE HIGHLY URBANIZED CENTER WHICH WILL HOUSE INMATES ORDERED DETAINED OR TO SERVE SENTENCE THEREAT BY THE COURTS SITTING IN EACH RESPECTIVE MUNICIPALITY OR CITY. EACH JAIL SHALL HAVE ITS OWN JAIL WARDEN AND JAIL PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT. FUNDING OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BJMP IN CONSULTATION W/ LGUS.

"THE SUPREME COURT SHALL ESTABLISH COURTROOMS IN THE INTEGRATED JAIL FACILITY TO SERVE AS VENUES FOR JUDGES TO HEAR CASES OF INMATES THEREIN."

SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* - All law, decrees, orders, and rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in effect.

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

Approved,