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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Philippine National Police (PNP) is the chief agency for law enforcement of the country and their camps are essential to them to house their headquarters, PNP Units, important offices, and lodging to their personnel. Enhancing the capability of the police and other law enforcers to address the internal security threats posed by local and transnational terrorists and criminal groups, and new and emerging security threats, is crucial in ensuring peace and security. Sometimes, even members of organized crime syndicates have better firearms and equipment than our law enforcers.

Members of Congress observed that the PNP and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) have always scrambled to look for funding specifically for making improvements on their respective camps or headquarters, often seeking support from other agencies or local government units. This is the reason why in the 2020 General Appropriations Act (GAA), Congress allocated the amount of One Billion Pesos (Php 1,000,000,000.00) each to the respective Camp Development Funds of the PNP and AFP.

Aside from providing our uniformed personnel with better facilities to boost their productivity and output performance, investing in infrastructure produces a multiplier effect in terms of generating employment, increasing foreign exchange earnings, and stimulating the local economy, all of which help to alleviate poverty.

This bill is envisioned to provide a five year program to modernize, develop, and upgrade police camps. By ensuring that the PNP has sufficient funding for its programs, including the development of camps and headquarters, we help the police force perform and realize their mandate.

For said reasons, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "PNP Camp Development Fund Act."

SECTION 2. Appropriations. - The sum of Five Billion Pesos (Php 5,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated under the Philippine National Police (PNP) out of any funds in the National Treasury of the Philippines not otherwise appropriated, as supplemental appropriations for the FY 2022 Budget. Thereafter, for the next four (4) years, the sum of Five Billion Pesos (Php 5,000,000,000.00) shall be appropriated annually for the Camp Development Fund of the PNP.

**SECTION 3. Camp Development Fund. -** The amount appropriated herein to fund the Camp Development Fund of the PNP shall be used exclusively for a Five-Year PNP Camp Development Plan to make improvements on camps and the headquarters of the PNP. This fund shall include spending for facilities including, but not limited to:

- a) Appropriate facilities and equipment for training, such as conference halls, seminar rooms, firing ranges, audio-visual rooms, and the like;
- b) Sports facilities, health and wellness facilities;
- c) Facilities for lodging;
- d) Provision for utilities such as internet connection, internet-abled communication devices, and the like;
- e) Security facilities and devices, other monitoring devices such as Closed-circuit television (CCTV);
- f) Such other necessary facilities as determined by the head of the agency.

SECTION 4. Use and Release of Funds. - The amount appropriated shall be released by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to the PNP in accordance with budgeting, accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

**SECTION 5. Availability of Appropriations. –** The appropriations authorized in this Act shall be available for release and obligation for the purposes specified from the date of the effectivity of this Act until fully spent.

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31 32 **SECTION 6. Separability Clause**. – If any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts hereof not affected thereby shall remain valid.

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**SECTION 7. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,