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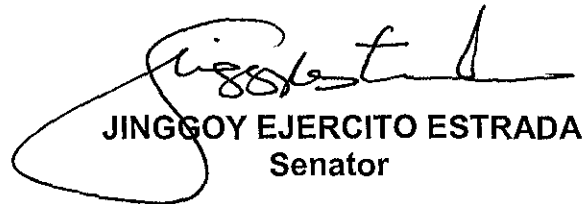
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

As an archipelagic country composed of a tortuous coastline, the Philippines requires heavy military monitoring. That is why there is a need to design a training program which will aid the Philippine Navy in carrying out its activities. The proposed creation of a Philippine Naval Academy is aimed at educating and training young leaders who will lead the Philippine front. The defense system in the Philippines is very much underdeveloped in comparison with those found in other countries. With the growing international tension, the government must take up all necessary measures to prepare their armies.

The Philippine Naval Academy will stand to ensure that all cadets undergo the rigorous training and take up the academic programs necessary in their total military formation.

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


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

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

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

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

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

SEC 4. a) The Academic Board shall be composed of the Superintendent, as Chairman, the Dean of the Corps of Professors at the Commandant of Cadets, as members;

- a) The Superintendent and the Commandant of the Naval academy shall be detailed to those positions by the President of the Philippines from the Officers of the Regular Naval Force.
- b) The Dean of the Corps of Professors shall be appointed by the President from the permanent professors who have served as heads of the departments of the Naval Academy : Provided That pending the qualification of the regular Dean of the Corps of Professors, an Acting Dean shall be appointed by the President who shall serve for a period not longer than one (1) year from the establishment of the Naval Academy.
- c) The heads of the departments, professors or instructors of the naval Academy shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines from among the nominees of the Superintendent with the assistance of the Dean of the Corps of Professors: Provided: That no graduate of the Naval Academy may be appointed or detailed to serve therein as a professor or instructor within five (5) years after his graduation.

- d) Other officers on duty at the Naval Academy, except the permanent professor may be detailed from the Regular Naval Force.

SEC 5. The Academic board shall have the following powers and functions:

- a) To receive and appropriate such sums as may be provided for by the law to support the Naval Academy;
- b) To grant a baccalaureate degree to a Naval cadet who has completed the courses of study and the rules of disciplines required by it;
- c) To appoint or detail such number of personnel as may be necessary to carry out the mandate of this Act; and
- d) To exercise such powers and functions as may be necessary to carry out the policy of this Act.

SEC. 6. The Quartermaster of the Naval Academy shall be detailed by the President of the Philippines from the Regular Naval Force, the Quartermaster shall buy and issue all supplies for the Naval Cadets; buy and issue all provisions for the mess; and shall supervise the mess. The Quartermaster shall make a monthly report to the Academic Board with respect to matters under this authority.

SEC. 7. a) The President of the Philippines is hereby authorized to appoint to the Naval Academy annually, subject to such physical and mental examinations as he may prescribe, the number of Naval Cadets necessary to maintain the Cadet Corps. Naval cadets shall be selected from among the candidates shall be selected from among candidates as hereinafter provided.

- b) A quota of one (1) member of the Naval Cadet Corps, hereinafter referred to as Congressional quota shall be allotted to each Congressional District: Provided: That in case no candidate from a given Congressional District attains the required minimum ratings, the vacancies in the Congressional shall be filled by the President from successful candidates at large with the highest ratings: Provided, however, That a quota of four (4) members of the Naval Cadet Corps shall be filled by the President, directly without Congressional nominations: Provided, further, That a quota of eight (8) members of this Naval Cadet Corps shall be filled by the President directly, without Congressional nominations, from qualified candidates with the highest rating who are enlisted men of the Regular Force and have completed at least one (1) year of the active military service and are in active status at the time of admission; Provided, still, further, That a quota of four (4) members of the Naval Cadet Corps shall be filled by the President directly, without Congressional nomination, from qualified candidates with the highest ratings who are sons of enlisted men who are serving or who have honorably served for a period of at least six (6) months on the Armed Forces of the Republic of the Philippines: Provided, furthermore, That physically qualified sons of military personnel who have been cited for and awarded the medal for valor may be appointed as naval Cadets by the President directly, without Congressional nomination, and mental examination; Provided, finally, That a quota on one (1) foreign country maintaining diplomatic relations with the Republic of the Philippines on the condition that the

pay and allowance per diems and traveling expenses of such Naval Cadet be borne by his country.

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

SEC. 8. To be eligible for admission, a candidate must be:

- a) Natural-born citizen of the Philippines;
- b) At least seventeen (17) years of age but not more than twenty two (22) years of age on the first day of April of the year of admission; and
- c) A successful participant in the prescribed physical and mental examination

SEC. 9. The pay and allowances of the Naval Cadets at the Naval Academy shall be fixed by the President of the Philippines.

SEC. 10. a) Corps of the Naval Cadets shall be divided into companies as directed but the Academic Board for the purpose of military instruction.

- b) A Naval Cadet shall perform duties at such places and of such types as the President may direct.
- c) The course of instruction at the Naval Academy is four (4) years;
- d) The Academic Board shall so arrange the course of studies at the Academy that Naval Cadets are not required to pursue their studies on Sunday.
- e) The Naval Cadet Corps shall be trained in the duties of members of the Regular Naval Force at least three (3) months each year.

SEC. 11. Any person, except foreign cadets, who shall, after entrance to the Naval Academy and before completion of the prescribed course of training, be found to be physically unfit for military duty by reason of injury or disease incident to the service, shall be retirees and shall be entitled to the retirement pay and allowance as an Ensign in the Regular Naval Force.

SEC. 12. Subject to the approval of the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Superintendent of the Naval Academy, with the assistance of the members of the Academic Board, shall issue rules and regulations preventing hazing and prescribe suspension, dismissal and other adequate punishment for violation thereof.

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

A Naval Cadet dismissed from the Academy for hazing shall not be re-appointed to any military school and shall be ineligible for appointment, as a commissioned officer in the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

SEC. 13. Upon satisfactory completion of the course of instruction at the Naval Academy, the Naval Cadet shall be commissioned Ensign in the Regular

Naval Forces, with the relative rank in the order of final general standing as determined by the academic Board of the Naval Academy and approved by the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

SEC. 14. The initial budget necessary for the establishment of the Naval Academy shall be charged to the appropriation of the Department of National Defense, thereafter the amount necessary for the operation, improvement and maintenance of the Naval Academy shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,