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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is perceived as one of the most corrupt countries in the world, tied with Burundi, Honduras, Iran, Libya, Nepal and Yemen, according to a survey released by Berlin-based Transparency International. Whether it is a valid or an invalid report, the burden falls on our shoulder as citizens of this country to disprove it.

However, we often hear in the news that there are many incidents of bribery in various sectors of our government. It seems that it is now an ordinary phenomenon and an accepted norm of behavior in our society.

This measure is being proposed to address the growing concerns of the public against the proliferation of "kotong" cops. "Kotong" cops are those public officers or officers of the law who are in charge of transportation and traffic management not only in the metropolis but also in various checkpoints throughout the country, who extort money from drivers and operators of public utility vehicles or vehicles engaged in the delivery of goods, for which consideration, they refrain from performing their official duty.

This bill seeks to protect the lowly victims who work very hard to earn a decent living. Thus, early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 52 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REFORM AND
REORGANIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Section 52 of Republic Act No. 8551, as amended, otherwise known as the Philippine National Police Reform and Reorganization Act of 1998 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 52. "SEC. 41(a). Citizen's Complaints. Any complaint by a natural or juridical person against any member of the PNP shall be brought before the following:

"(1) Chiefs of Police, where the offense is punishable by withholding of privileges, restriction to specified limits, suspension or forfeiture of salary, or any combination thereof, for a period not exceeding fifteen (15) days;

"(2) Mayors of cities and municipalities, where the offense is punishable by withholding of privileges, restriction to specified limits, suspension or forfeiture of salary, or any combination thereof, for a period of not less than sixteen (16) days but not exceeding thirty (30) days;

"(3) People's Law Enforcement Board, as created under Section 43 hereof, where the offense is punishable by withholding of privileges, restriction to specified limits, suspension or forfeiture of salary, or any combination thereof, for a period exceeding thirty (30) days; or by dismissal.

THE PNP MEMBER, AFTER DUE NOTICE AND SUMMARY HEARINGS, ANY VIOLATIONS COMMITTED UNDER ARTICLES 210 AND 211 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED, SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED OR DISMISSED FROM OFFICE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 42 OF REPUBLIC ACT 6975, AS AMENDED.

"The Commission shall provide in its implementing rules and regulations a scale of penalties to be imposed upon any member of the PNP under this Section.

SEC. 2. *Separability Clause* – If for any reason any section or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not effected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause*. – Any laws, decrees, or rules and regulations which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause*. – This Act shall take effect upon its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,