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#### **Explanatory Note**

Ensuring peace and order and public safety are the primary responsibilities of the Philippine National Police (PNP). Today, there is no bigger threat to investors, both local and foreign, as well to our countrymen, other than the peace and order situation of the country.

In order for the PNP to actualize and realize its different programs to contain the threats to the country's peace and order situation, there is a need to reorganize and transform PNP into a modernized law enforcement organization at par with the world's best. PNP's modernization will focus on several key areas, such as, but not limited to: Organizational Development; Manpower Build-up and Training Development; Manual and Doctrine Development; Infrastructure Development; Equipment Acquisition and Modernization; and Financial Development.

By improving the organizational structure of PNP, its operational readiness and mission capabilities would readily be able to cope up with the challenges and threats nationwide. This measure will provide for the necessary funding support for PNP projects geared towards the betterment of its personnel and modernization of their facilities and equipment.

It is due to the foregoing reasons that approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. | This Act shall be known as the "Philippine National Police Reorganization and Modernization Act of 2014."

**SECTION 2.** Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to establish and maintain a highly efficient, effective and competent police force, which is national in scope and civilian in character, administered and controlled by the National Police Commission. The Philippine National Police (PNP) is the primary government agency tasked to ensure, maintain and uphold peace and order, public safety and security. The PNP shall be a community- and service-oriented agency responsible for the maintenance of peace and order and public safety. It shall bolster a system of coordination and cooperation among the citizenry, local chief executives, the integrated law enforcement and public safety agencies, and other pillars of the criminal justice system. PNP's mandate and functions shall be better realized through the implementation of the following Key Result Areas (KRAs):

- Prevention and solution of crimes primarily through community- and (1) human rights-based policing system;
- Maintenance of peace and order, internal security, and peacekeeping; (2)
- Enforcement of the rule of law: (3)
- Mobilization of community support and participation by harnessing the (4) support and assistance of "force multipliers" existing in communities for a more effective police service delivery;
- Coordination and cooperation with other government agencies among the (5)citizenry, local chief executives and the integrated law enforcement and public safety agencies, NGOs and the international police community;
- Strengthening the interrelation of the five (5) pillars of the Criminal Justice (6)
- Efficiency in the management and development of human and material (7)resources through the promotion of accountability and moral uprightness in the exercise of police discretion;
- Improvement of individual competence and behavioral discipline of PNP's (8) members, personnel and officers;
- (9) Rationalization of systems and procedures;
- Enhancement of the investigative function of PNP members, personnel and (10)officers: and
- (11)Development of Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

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### Chapter I Reorganization

**SECTION 3.** *Powers and Functions.* -In addition to the powers and functions provided under Section 24 of Republic Act No. 6975, the PNP shall have the power to formulate and implement training and disciplinary programs for PNP personnel.

**SECTION 4. Rank Classification.** - For purposes of efficient administration, supervision and control, the rank classification of the members of the PNP shall be as follows:

Police Director General

Police Deputy Director General

Police Director

Police Chief Superintendent

Police Senior Superintendent

Police Superintendent

Police Chief Inspector

Police Senior Inspector

Police Inspector

Senior Police Officer IV

Senior Police Officer III

Senior Police Officer II

Senior Police Officer I

Police Officer III

Police Officer II

Police Officer I

Patrol Officer

**SECTION 5. Organizational Structure.** - The head of the PNP, with the rank of Police Director General, shall be the Chief PNP. The Chief PNP shall be assisted by a Deputy Director.

There will be three (3) Executive Directors: one for Administration; one for Operations and one for Investigation.

- (1) The Executive Directors shall likewise carry the rank of Police Deputy Director General and shall exercise supervisory authority over the concerned Directorial Staff who shall carry the rank of Police Director. Supervisory authority refers to the delegated authority which enables the delegate to oversee some specified responsibilities.
- (2) The Executive Director for Administration shall have supervisory authority over the Director for Personnel and Records Management; Director for Logistics; Director for Comptrollership; Director for Human Resource and Doctrine Development; and Director for Research and Development.
- (3) The Executive Director for Operations shall have supervisory authority over the Director for Operations; Director for Plans; and Director for Community Affairs Services.
- (4) The Executive Director for Investigation shall have the supervisory authority over the Director for Intelligence and Director for Investigation and Detective Management.
- (5) The Chief, PNP, and other members of the Command Group as well as the Directorial Staff, shall be provided with administrative and secretariat services by

the Secretary to the Deputy Chief, PNP with a rank of Police Chief Superintendent. The Secretary to the Deputy Chief, PNP shall assist the Deputy Chief, PNP in coordinating the plans, activities and operations of the Executive Director. Directorial Staff and other PNP units.

- (6) The Internal Affairs Service shall be maintained under the Office of the Chief, PNP.
- (7) The Center for Police Strategy Management (CPSM) shall be maintained at the Office of the Deputy Chief, PNP to serve as the central facility of the organization in coordinating and integrating all strategy management processes, sustaining its strategy execution and management, and instilling in the organization a culture of strategic focus. CPSM shall be headed by a Director with a rank of Police Chief Superintendent.
- (8) The existing Directorial Staffs, except for the Directorate for Information and Communication Technology Management and the five Directorates for Integrated Police Operations, shall continue to exist to perform the following functions:
  - a. The Directorate for Personnel and Records Management shall assist and advise the Chief, PNP in the exercise of the management of PNP's uniformed and non-uniformed personnel, manpower procurement and control, personnel records and reports, discipline, law and order, personnel services and procedures, and other additional functions assigned by the Chief, PNP, Deputy Chief, PNP or Executive Directors of the PNP for Administration, Operations and Investigation. It shall direct and supervise the operations of the Legal Service, Chaplain Service, Health Service, and the PNP Retirement and Benefit Administration Service;
  - b. The Directorate for Intelligence shall assist and advise the Chief, PNP in attaining intelligence objectives through effective management of all intelligence and counter-intelligence activities of the PNP. It shall direct and supervise the operations of the Intelligence Group (IG); and the Case Operation and Tracking Group (COATG);
  - The Directorate for Operations shall assist and advise the Chief, PNP in c. the exercise of the command, control, direction, coordination, and supervision of all activities concerning operations, employment and deployment of PNP units or personnel. It shall be retained to oversee the National Operational Support Units (NOSUs) charged with specific responsibilities, such as: (1) performing all police functions over Philippine territorial waters; (2) conducting operations against all forms of lawlessness committed along national highways and airports in the country; (3) deterring offensive and terroristic acts which threaten civil aviation; and, (4) preventing and controlling crimes that have national significance and other transnational crimes. It shall direct and supervise the operations of the Special Action Force (SAF), Maritime Group (MG), Aviation Security Group (ASG), Highway Patrol Group (HPG), PNP Anti-Kidnapping Group (AKG), Police Security and Protection Group (PSPG), Civil Security Group (CSG), and Anti-Illegal Drugs Group (AIDG);
  - d. The Directorate for Logistics shall be responsible in the administration and management of logistics and its functional areas in support for the successful accomplishment of PNP missions. It shall direct and supervise the operations of the Headquarters Support Service (HSS), Engineering

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Service (ES), Logistics Support Service (LSS) and Information and Communications Technology Service (ICTMS);

- e. The Directorate for Plans shall assist and advise the Chief, PNP in the plans and programs that are beyond the immediate operational and tactical range, organizational and force development, and special studies, research and project management, which includes inter-agency and international affairs, legislative affairs and other requirements that are needed for the effective and efficient administration and operation of the PNP;
- f. The Directorate for Comptrollership shall assist and advise the Chief, PNP on budgeting, accounting, financial management and internal auditing. It shall direct and supervise the operations of the Finance Service (FS);
- g. The Directorate for Community Affairs and Development shall be responsible for the planning, directing, coordinating, supervising regarding the implementation of sustainable programs for institutional image building; community development, and citizen participation in the maintenance of public order such as, but not limited to the following: peace policy for socio-economic development; value orientation and continuing education; police economic welfare activities; gender awareness and development (GAD); and auxiliary/force multiplier development. The Community Affairs and Development Group (CADG) shall serve as its operating arm;
- h. The Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management shall direct, control, coordinate, and supervise the investigation activities of the PNP. It shall direct and supervise the operations of the National Investigation Support Units (NISUs) such as: Criminal Investigation and Forensic Group (CIFG), Anti-Cybercrime Group (ACG); the Women/Children Protection and Anti-Trafficking in Persons Group (WCPATG);
- i. The Directorate for Human Resource and Doctrine Development (DHRDD) shall be in-charge of the formulation of policies and in the planning, coordination, and supervision of all matters pertaining to human resource and doctrine development. It shall direct and supervise the operations of the Training Service (TS), Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA), Police National Training Institute (PNTI), National Forensic Science Training Institute (NFSTI) and the National Police College (NPC); and
- j. The Directorate for Research and Development (DRD) shall be responsible for the conduct of research and development, tests, and evaluation, and in the administration of self-reliant development projects (SRDP) of the PNP which are of high value to peace and order and public safety.
- (9) The heads of the National Support Units (NSU) shall be prescribed with a rank of Police Chief Superintendent. However, the rank of the heads of the Special Action Force (SAF), Criminal Investigation and Forensic Group (CIFG), and the Civil Security Group (CSG) shall be changed from Police Chief Superintendent to Police Director due to the complexities of the functions of these three (3) national support units.
- (10) The Headquarters of the Regional Police shall be composed of the following:

- a. The Regional Director with a rank of Police Director, except that for the NCRPO who will carry the rank of Deputy Director General;
- b. The Deputy Regional Director with a prescribed rank of Police Chief Superintendent, except that for the NCRPO who will carry the rank of Police Director;
- c. Each of the three (3) Regional Executive Directors with a rank of Police Senior Superintendent, one each for Administration, Operations and Investigation, except that for the NCRPO who will carry the rank of the Regional Executive Directors are Police Chief Superintendent;
- d. The Chief of the eight (8) Regional Staff Divisions with a rank of Police Senior Superintendent;
- e. The Battalion Commander of the Regional Public Safety Battalion with a prescribed rank of Police Senior Superintendent; and
- f. The Chief of the Regional Headquarters Support Group Battalion with a prescribed rank of Police Senior Superintendent.
- (11) The five (5) NCRPODistrict Offices shall be headed by a District Director with the rank of Police Chief Superintendent. It shall exercise administrative and operational supervision over the police stations and sub-stations under its respective areas of jurisdiction.
- (12) A Provincial Police Office shall be headed by a Provincial Director with a rank of Police Senior Superintendent. The Provincial Director shall be assisted by a Deputy Provincial Director with a prescribed rank of Police Superintendent. However, the NAPOLCOM may upgrade the ranks of the Provincial Directors and Deputy Provincial Directors in large provinces subject to the criteria to be prescribed by the Commission. A Provincial Public Safety Company, the size of which shall vary from province to province, shall also be established to serve as a reserve and contingency force which shall be headed by a Company Commander with the rank of Police Superintendent. Each Police Provincial Office shall be provided with a Legal Officer who shall be detailed from the PNP Legal Service.
- (13) A City Police Office established in highly urbanized/independent cities shall be headed by a City Director with the rank of Police Senior Superintendent. The City Director shall be assisted by a Deputy City Director with a prescribed rank of Police Superintendent. However, the NAPOLCOM may upgrade the ranks of the City Directors and Deputy City Directors in large highly urbanized cities subject to the criteria to be prescribed by the commission. A City Police Public Safety Company shall also be established to serve as a reserve and contingency force which shall be headed by a Company Commander with the rank of Police Superintendent. Each City Police Office shall be provided with a Legal Officer who shall be detailed from the PNP Legal Service.
- (14) A Component City Police Station, regardless of its type, shall be headed by a Chief of Police (COP) with the rank of Police Superintendent.
- (15) A Type "A" Municipal Police Station shall be headed by a COP with the rank of Police Superintendent, while Type "B" and "C" Municipal Police Stations shall be headed by a COP with the rank of Police Chief Inspector.

(16) Police Community Precincts shall be established at the NCR Police Stations; Police Stations under the City Police Offices established in highly urbanized cities and independent cities; and for Municipal and Component City Police Stations.

Any organizational adjustments on the PNP structure, staffing, as well as the functions of the Chief, PNP to sustain the attainment of increased police visibility and efficient and optimized delivery of police services shall be upon authorization by the National Police Commission. Corresponding changes in PNP rank distribution may be recommended by the Chief, PNP for approval of the NAPOLCOM except for the ranks of Police Chief Superintendent, Police Director and Police Deputy Director General which shall be subject to the approval of the President of the Republic of the Philippines.

**SECTION 6.** General Qualifications for Appointment. – No person shall be appointed as officer or member of the PNP unless he/she possesses the following minimum qualifications:

- (1) A citizen of the Philippines;
- (2) A person of good moral conduct;
- (3) Must have passed the psychiatric/psychological, drug and physical tests to be administered by the PNP or by any NAPOLCOM-accredited government hospital for the purpose of determining physical and mental health;
- (4) Must possess a formal baccalaureate degree from a recognized institution of learning;
- (5) Must be eligible in accordance with the standards set by the Commission;
- (6) Must not have been dishonorably discharged from the military employment or dismissed for any cause from any civilian position in the Government;
- (7) Must not have been convicted by final judgment for an offense or crime involving moral turpitude; and
- (8) Must be physically and mentally fit.

Provided, that: for a new applicant, said applicant must not be less than eighteen (18) nor more than thirty (30) years of age.

Provided further, that, except for the qualification in the immediately preceding paragraph, the above-enumerated qualifications shall be continuing in character and absence of any one qualification at any given time shall be a ground for separation or retirement from the service: Provided further, that PNP members who were already in the service upon the effectivity of this Act shall be given at least two (2) years to obtain the minimum educational qualification and one (1) year to satisfy the weight requirement.

A graduate of the K-12 Enhanced Education Program and/or a holder of a seventy-two (72) collegiate unitsmay be recruited into the uniformed service of the PNP, provided that he/she:

a. Shall be appointed with the rank of Patrol Officer similar to the provision of Section 31(a), RA 6975 with salary grade 6, a rank lower than that of a Police Officer 1;

- b. Shall be assigned only to police maneuver units until such time that he earn a baccalaureate degree which would merit their promotion to the next higher rank; and
- c. Provided further that he may be allowed ten (10) years in the service without being attrited because of educational attainment."

SECTION 7. Transfer of PNPA, PNTI, NFSTI and NPC from PPSC to the PNP. – In consultation with the relevant stakeholders and sectors, the administrative and operational control over the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA), Police National Training Institute (PNTI), National Forensic Science Training Institute (NFSTI) and National Police College (NPC), as well as their respective personnel, properties, facilities, records, equipment, funds, choses in action, appropriations, rights, functions and other assets, are hereby transferred from the Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC) to the Philippine National Police (PNP) as training support units and shall be placed under the functional group of the Executive Director for Administration.

SECTION 8. Special Oversight Committee. - A Special Oversight Committee is hereby created, composed of the Secretary of Interior and Local Government as Chairman, the Secretary of Budget and Management as Co- Chairman, the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, the respective Chairmen of the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs in the Senate and the Committee on Public Order and Safety in the House of Representatives as members. Said Special Oversight Committee shall plan and oversee the expeditious implementation of the transfer of personnel and all its properties, facilities, records, equipment, funds, choses in action, appropriations, rights, functions and other assets from PPSC to PNP.

**SECTION 9.** *Implementation of Transfer.* - The shift of administrative and operational control over the PNPA, PNTI, NPC and NFSTI shall be undertaken as follows:

- (1) Upon the effectivity of this Act, the Chief, PNP shall exercise administrative supervision as well as operational control over the transferred and/or absorbed offices/units;
- (2) All properties, equipment, and finances of the transferred and absorbed offices/units, including their respective financial accountabilities, are to be transferred to the PNP;
- (3) The personnel of the absorbed offices/units shall, unless removed for cause and after due process, continue to perform their duties and responsibilities and shall continue to receive their corresponding salaries and benefits; and
- (4) The heads of the various absorbed offices/units created under this act shall recommend the organizational structure and staffing pattern of their respective offices, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, within six (6) months upon effectivity of this Act.

#### Chapter II Modernization

**SECTION 10.** *Modernization of the PNP.* - The PNP Modernization Program shall consist of the following components:

(1) Organizational Development – The PNP modernization program on organizational development pertains to the conduct of continuous organizational

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audit to maintain economy and efficiency, simplify procedures, and improve response time for crime prevention and investigation.

- (2) Manpower Build-up and Training Development This component of the PNP modernization program delves with a sound management of PNP's human resources, the transformation and training of its personnel into a professional, effective and credible police force with a high sense and regard for human rights and moral uprightness. This program shall strengthen and enhance the following concerns:
  - a. Implementation of reforms on policies pertaining to recruitment and training;
  - b. The investigative and operational capability of PNP personnel;
  - c. The civil service consciousness and respect for the rule of law of PNP personnel; and
  - d. The transformation of the PNP into a community- and human rights-based police force.
- (3) Manuals and Doctrine Development -The PNP shall immediately develop and/or update existing manuals and doctrines to enable the organization to perform its basic core functions and internal processes in an organized and dynamic fashion. Among others, the manuals to be developed and/or updated include manuals on Crime Prevention and Control, Disaster Response, Public Safety, Human Resource Management, Logistics and Financial Management, Information Management, Planning and Evidence Gathering and Processing. The Manuals and Doctrines to be developed should be anchored on the enduring principles and practices of community policing, human rights, rule of law, transparency and accountability, and merit and fitness.

The PNP shall create a Board on Manual and Doctrine Development (BMDD) to be chaired by the Deputy Chief PNP for Administration with eleven (11) members from the following Directorates: Directorate for Personnel and Records Management (DPRM), Directorate for Intelligence (DI), Directorate for Operations (DO), Directorate for Police Community Relations (DPCR), Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management (DIDM), Directorate for Plans (DPL), Directorate for Human Resource and Doctrine Development (DHRDD), Directorate for Logistics (DL), Directorate for Comptrollership (DC), Directorate for Information and Communication Technology Management (DICTM), and Directorate for Research and Development (DRD). BMDD shall have the following functions:

- 1) To act as the primary advisory body to the Chief, PNP on matters pertaining to manuals and doctrine development;
- 2) To provide standards on development of manuals and doctrines;
- 3) To deliberate on proposals pertaining to doctrine development; and
- 4) To review, evaluate and recommend to the Chief, PNP for his approval, existing or new PNP Doctrines, and Manuals.

The Board shall be supported by a Secretariat under the DHRDD.

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The PNP shall submit reports to the Congressional Oversight Committee through the NAPOLCOM containing updates on the Manuals and Doctrines developed within three years, or as may be prescribed from the effectivity of this Act.

- (4) Infrastructure Development This entails upgrading of basic facilities like the police stations, and support facilities to administrative, investigative and operational services like training, crime laboratory, information management systems, communications systems, medical and dental services, care in hospitals and dispensaries, and housing.
- (5) Equipment Acquisition and Modernization This component delves with the acquisition of modern, state-of-the-art munitions, transport and communication facilities, investigative and forensic equipment, and tools (e.g. medical or paramedic kits, rubber rafts, etc.) for community service and development. It also includes the acquisition and upgrading of information communication technology, equipment, and automated systems and procedures to ensure effective integration and coordination.
- (6) Financial Development This refers to the review for amendments of existing laws that may have impact on the PNP's financial management, institute reforms, and promote responsible fiscal policies in line with the objectives of the PNP Modernization Program.

SECTION 11. Priority Programs for Modernization. — In the performance of its duties and functions mandated by law, the PNP shall undertake the Modernization Program consistent with Sections 3 and 4 of this Act, and shall specifically be geared towards the improvement and development of crime prevention and solution programs of the police service. The following areas of concern shall thereafter be given priority:

- (1) Community-Oriented Policing Systems (COPS) The rationalization of the police operations into a pro-active, community-oriented and human rights-based policing system in place of the current reactive, precinct-based policing system.
- (2) Criminal Investigation The enhancement of legal and scientific criminal investigation, as well as effective evidence gathering and processing, utilizing improved crime laboratory techniques, methodologies and responsive procedures.
- (3) Beat Patrol The improved patrol coverage through the acquisition and upgrading of communications equipment and mobility equipage to improve response time and enhance crime prevention. It includes the institutionalization of patrolling as a major project under the PNP's crime prevention program. It shall likewise include integration of the PNP's existing security systems with the systems of other government agencies. The system integration shall involve training and/or scalable acquisition or upgrade of ICT equipment to improve crime prevention, traffic management and emergency response".
- (4) Civil Disturbance Control The development of civil disturbance doctrines consistent with the Constitutional and statutory provisions on human rights as well as the acquisition of equipment and devices necessary to implement these doctrines.
- (5) Anti-Terrorist Operations The Promotion and utilization of the multilateral exchange of information with other police organizations, to improve PNP's institutional capabilities to deal with terrorist activities.
- (6) Disaster Relief and Rescue Operations The improvement of institutional capabilities of PNP to prepare and respond to all types of disasters and

- emergencies, as well as the development of the coordinated efforts with other government agencies and relief organizations in responding to disasters and emergencies.
- (7) Integrated Information and Communications System The acquisition and/or upgrading of a centralized information and communications system for faster coordination, command and control of operational and administrative activities.
- (8) Intelligence Operations The development and enhancement of the capability for information collection, processing and dissemination.
- (9) Integrated Logistics Support The enhancement of PNP logistic capability for sustained law enforcement, public security and internal security operations throughout the country.
- (10) Firearms Control and Private Security Agency Regulation The development and enhancement of an electronic information management system and the standardization of training for security guards. The development of a comprehensive firearms control regulation mechanism shall be undertaken to address the proliferation of unlicensed and unregistered firearms.
- (11) Anti-Cybercrime- The continuing national support for the PNP to operationally activate its cybercrime law enforcement unit to address the growing incidence of cybercrimes in the country.
- (12) Traffic Law Enforcement In coordination with the Metro Manila Development Authority and local government units, the development of a traffic law enforcement and management system for an improved capability for traffic control.
- (13) Legal Assistance The enhancement of the legal assistance program for personnel charged, either administratively or criminally, because of operation- and/or work-related cases; and the conduct of continuing legal education for PNP personnel.
- **SECTION 12.** *Period of Implementation.* The modernization program under this Act shall be implemented over a period of ten (10) years; *Provided however*, that payment for amortization of outstanding multi-year contract obligations incurred under this Act may extend beyond such period.
- **SECTION 13.** *Prioritization of Projects.* The PNP through the NAPOLCOM shall submit to Congress within ninety (90) days from effectivity of this Act the schedule of priority projects and activities as well as the yearly estimated average cost by phases for its consideration and approval. Subsequently, it shall be the basis for executive and legislative actions to implement the modernization program until its realization.
- **SECTION 14.** Funding. The budgetary requirements necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be taken from the Specific Appropriations for the PNP Modernization Program.
- **SECTION 15.** Self-Reliance Program. The following shall be observed during the implementation of the modernization program:
  - (1) The PNP shall give preference to Filipino contractors and suppliers and secondly to foreign contractors or suppliers willing or able to locate a substantial portion of, if not the entire production process of the item(s) involved, within the Philippines: *Provided that*, the PNP shall first determine and publish the basic requirements and specific standards for products, equipment and technology before the bidding:

Provided further, that such product, equipment and technology standards shall conform to established standards in the international community: Provided finally, that the spirit, intent and criteria set by the Procurement Law shall be adopted in the determination of awards of contractual arrangements;

- (2) The Secretary of the Interior and Local Government/Chairman, National Police Commission shall, as far as feasible, incorporate in each contract/agreement, special foreign exchange reduction scheme such as counter-trade, in-country manufacture, co-production, or other innovative arrangements or combinations thereof, in order to generate local employment opportunities and enhance technology transfer to the Philippines and to minimize foreign exchange outflow;
- (3) The PNP shall likewise ensure that in negotiating applicable contracts or agreements, provisions are incorporated respecting the transfer to the PNP of the principal technology involved as well as the training of PNP personnel to operate and maintain such equipment or technology; and
- (4) The PNP positioned as a partner for development of targeted industries to enable them to generate more revenues for economic development.

**SECTION 16.** *Procurement System.* - In addition to the provisions of existing laws, rules and provisions regarding the procurement and acquisition of real estate, buildings, facilities and equipment, the PNP shall strengthen said systems and procedures taking into account the following new requirements under the PNP modernization program:

- (1) The Chief, PNP, pursuant to the PNP Modernization Program Projects and Appropriations approved by Congress, may, subject to the approval of the President, and consistent with the provisions of existing laws and regulations including those of the Commission on Audit and under such terms and conditions most favorable to the Government, shall enter into multi-year contracts, and other contractual arrangements.
- (2) For multi-year contracts, Congress shall, upon certification by the President, make the corresponding appropriation for the ensuing fiscal year: Provided, that Congress shall make appropriate only such funds as may be necessary to pay an unpaid amount where the funds appropriated for the current fiscal year is not sufficient or available to meet such payment in full or in part.
- (3) The Chief, PNP shall submit to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs, the Secretary of Finance and the Chairman of the House of Representatives Committees on Public Order and Safety copies of these multi-year contracts and other agreements to enable the Congress to appropriate funds: Provided that, the funds to be appropriated for the PNP Modernization Plan under this Act shall be treated as a distinct and separate budget item from the regular appropriations of the Department by the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government/Chairman, National Police Commission.

SECTION 17. Housing, Livelihood Assistance and Scholarship Programs for Police.

- The PNP leadership shall provide a massing housing assistance to members of the Philippine National Police taking into consideration the utilization of idle lands and other properties owned by the national government. It shall include provisions for livelihood assistance to the spouses of policemen and personnel of the PNP and scholarship program for children of PNP members, in particular those policemen and personnel injured or killed while in service. For the purpose, the necessary guidelines shall be prepared by the PNP in coordination with other relevant government offices and private sector partners.

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SECTION 18. PNP Hotline. - The PNP shall maintain and operate a 24/7 telephone hotline with which individuals can report a crime, violation, or a situation needing police To effectively carry out the provisions of this Act, other forms of attention and assistance. media shall be utilized to promote the spirit of citizens' vigilance.

SECTION 19. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

- SECTION 20. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The National Police Commission and the Philippine National Police shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
- **SECTION 21.** Repealing Clause. Sections 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 35, 66 and 67 of Republic Act 6975, as amended by Republic Act No. 8551 dated February 25, 1998, and all laws, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to this Act are thereby deemed accordingly repealed or amended.
- SECTION 22. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved.