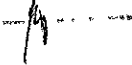


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The alarming rise in the country's crime rate makes it compelling for agencies and personnel involved in the criminal justice system to have the scientific and medical capability to evaluate and analyze physical evidence. Though efforts of prosecution lawyers and law enforcers are directed towards the solution of crimes, it has become imperative to develop a corps of professional experts in forensic investigations.

The proposed bill seeks to establish a Forensic Science Institute in the University of the Philippines system for the purpose of providing competent, scientific and modern technical services and advanced medical facilities for the detection and investigation of crimes.

Furthermore, the establishment of a Forensic Institute in the UP System will address concerns on the objectivity of cases solved by the Philippine National Police and the National Bureau of Investigation. Though the integrity of both PNP and NBI is not in question, we know that these institutions operate crime laboratories that perform physical evidence analyses and examination. Both however, are also involved in the prosecution of crimes that, expectedly, results in findings which tend to corroborate their theory of cases under investigation.

The University of the Philippines will be in unchallenged position of conducting professional work though modern scientific methods and instrumentation of forensic investigation.

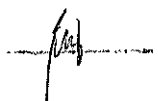
Establishing a Forensic Science Institute in the state-run university, known for its commitment in upholding academic truth and excellence will help immensely in crime solution.

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

  
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**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING THE FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE IN THE UNIVERSITY  
OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Forensic Science  
2 Institute Act.”  
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4 SECTION 2. *Creation and Objective of the Institute.* – There is hereby  
5 created a Forensic Science Institute in the University of the Philippines System with  
6 the following objectives:  
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8 (a) To promote research and development in the various fields of forensic  
9 science and advance the search for truth;

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11 (b) To enhance the competence and capabilities of existing laboratories in  
12 the country and prepare them for accreditation;

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14 (c) To develop a corps of professionals and prepare them for a career in  
15 forensic science; and

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17 (d) To train and upgrade the technical, scientific and management skills of  
18 personnel presently involved in forensic science so as to improve the  
19 administration of justice.  
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21 SECTION 3. *Delegation of Authority to the Board of Regents.* – The Board of  
22 Regents of the University of the Philippines System is hereby authorized to establish  
23 the Forensic Science Institute under the direct supervision of the Office of the  
24 President of the University, which shall have a faculty and staff with expertise in the  
25 disciplines of biology, chemistry, law, medicine, molecular biology, social sciences,  
26 statistics and other pertinent disciplines, who may be drawn within the System or  
27 outside.  
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29 SECTION 4. *Functions of the Institute.* – The Forensic Science Institute will  
30 have the following functions:

- 1 (a) To provide competent scientific and advance medical and technical  
2 services for the detection and investigation of crimes.  
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4 (b) To maintain a network of modern laboratories for the development and  
5 adoption of analytical methods and procedures related to forensic  
6 evidence;  
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8 (c) To offer degree and non-degree programs to students inclined towards  
9 the various areas of forensic science;  
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11 (d) To undertake research in all fields of forensic science; and  
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13 (e) To provide continuing education on modern scientific methods and  
14 instrumentation and on validation of forensic evidence to technicians and  
15 personnel of existing laboratories, medical centers, and educational  
16 institutions.  
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18 SECTION 5. *Implementing Authority.* – The Board of Regents of the  
19 University of the Philippines System is hereby mandated to formulate implementing  
20 guidelines to carry out the provisions of this Act and to take appropriate steps to  
21 ensure that the establishment of the Forensic Science institute shall aim at the  
22 speedy realization of the objectives and at the execution of the powers and  
23 functions stated above. Towards this end, the Board shall determine the structure,  
24 composition, and size of the Institute’s faculty and staff.  
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26 SECTION 6. *Appropriations.* – The amount of Three Hundred Million Pesos  
27 (P300,000,000) is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not  
28 otherwise appropriated to carry out the objectives and provisions of this Act from its  
29 effectivity until the next fiscal year. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary to  
30 carry out the provisions of the Act shall be included in the subsequent annual  
31 General Appropriations Act under the University of the Philippines System.  
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33 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules and regulations, or part  
34 thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amend or  
35 modified accordingly.  
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37 SECTION 8. *Effectivity.* - This act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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39 Approved,