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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article II, Section 17, states that:

“The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.”

The Constitution, Article II, Section 4, provides that:

“... it is the policy of the State to promote peace and order, ensure public safety and further strengthen local government capability aimed towards the effective delivery of basic services for the citizenry through the establishment of a highly and competent police force that is national in scope and civilian in character”.

The Philippine National Police (PNP) was created under Republic Act No. 6975, entitled: “An Act Establishing the Philippine National Police Under a Reorganized Department of the Interior and Local Government,” or otherwise known as, “The PNP Law.”

The men and women of the PNP are committed to a vision of a professional, dynamic and highly motivated force working in partnership with a responsive community towards the attainment of a safe place to live, work, invest and do business with. Their mission is to enforce the law, to prevent and control crimes, to maintain peace and order, and to ensure public safety and internal security with the active support of the community.

In order to further encourage and reward them for their selfless service to the community, it is important to increase the benefits of the members of the PNP as well as their families.

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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO MEMBERS
OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) AND THEIR CHILDREN

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 “Scholarship Grants for Members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and their Children Act of 2007”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It shall be the policy of the State to provide free education to members of the PNP and their children by providing for them institutionalized scholarship grants. The scholarship grants to members of the PNP will give them high morale self esteem. Providing their children with access to free education will help them become responsible and productive members of society.

SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* – The following terms shall mean:

1. “Member of the PNP” - shall refer to any member of the PNP regardless of rank
2. “Children of members of PNP” - shall refer to any legitimate child of a member of the PNP
3. “Scholarship grants” - shall refer to educational grants covering pre-school, elementary, secondary, and tertiary education.

SECTION 4. *Scholarship grant.* – The scholarship grant for members of the PNP and their children shall cover pre-school, elementary, secondary, as well as tertiary education.

SECTION 5. *Eligibility of PNP members to avail of grant.* – Members of the PNP who are in active duty may avail of the scholarship grant. Provided, that the officer shall have been in active duty for at least two consecutive years immediately prior to the date of application for the grant.

SECTION 6. *Eligibility of children of PNP members to avail of grant.* – Only legitimate children of PNP members who are in active service shall be eligible to avail of the scholarship grant.

SECTION 7. *Eligibility of retired PNP members to avail of grant.* - Retired PNP members may avail of the scholarship grant for their children. However, their children shall be entitled only to a proportional amount of scholarship grant.

SECTION 8. *Schools where scholarship grant applicable.* – The scholarship grants shall be applicable in all public schools and state universities throughout the country. The children of PNP members shall be qualified to avail of the scholarship grant only upon passing all the requirements set by the respective schools.

SECTION 9. *Forfeiture of Grant.* – Members of the PNP who have been charged and proven to have committed acts of professional misconduct shall forfeit their eligibility to avail of the grant. They shall also forfeit the eligibility to avail of the grant for their children

SECTION 10. *Implementing Agency.* – The Department of Education (DepEd) and Commission on Higher Education (CHED), in coordination with the PNP, shall be

the implementing agencies for this Act. The above agencies shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations for this Act.

SECTION 11. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part thereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 12. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 13. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.