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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the past five years, the Philippine government has ramped up its adoption and use of technology to deliver more efficient services to its people. Indeed, modernization has caught up with government services, not only because it is a global phenomenon but also because it is a consequence of the robust economic growth the country experienced pre-pandemic.

One of the essential due diligence documents that Filipinos need as part of a job application or as fulfillment of an institutional requirement is the Police Clearance. While the days of long lines and manual police clearance procedures are long over, there is still much room for improving our current system.

While we currently have a computerized system, that schedules and expedites the process through digital forms and submission of requirements, the main database used to evaluate an individual's police clearance is most likely localized. This means that while a person may obtain a clean record in one province, this may not be so if the application was submitted to another police station in another province.

This issue can now be easily rectified by institutionalizing a national record for all reported crime incidents, warrants of arrest, pictures of arrested and wanted persons, fingerprints and ballistic examination records that is accessible by all police stations nationwide. Moreover, the technology-based improvements possible are not limited to this. Hence, I enjoin my fellow lawmakers to enact this bill to further strengthen the PNP's ability to keep our country safer.


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**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL POLICE CLEARANCE SYSTEM,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 24 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS
AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990"**

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 "National Police Clearance System (NPCS) Act of 2021."

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the policy of the State to ensure public safety thru a highly efficient, effective, competent and modernized police force and the use of information and communications technology.

It is also the policy of the State to improve efficiency in the delivery of government service to the public, including the issuance of police clearance, by reducing bureaucratic red tape and preventing graft and corruption.

SEC. 3. A new Section 24 (i) shall be inserted after Section 24 (h) of Republic Act No. 6975, which shall read as follows:

“Sec 24. (i) Formulate and implement policies on the institutionalization of the National Police Clearance System which includes, among others the issuance of the national police clearance and maintenance of a national record of all reported crime

incidents, warrants of arrest, pictures of arrested and wanted persons, fingerprints and ballistic examination records.”

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in force.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, decree, ordinance, or administrative circular not consistent with any provision of this Act is hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,