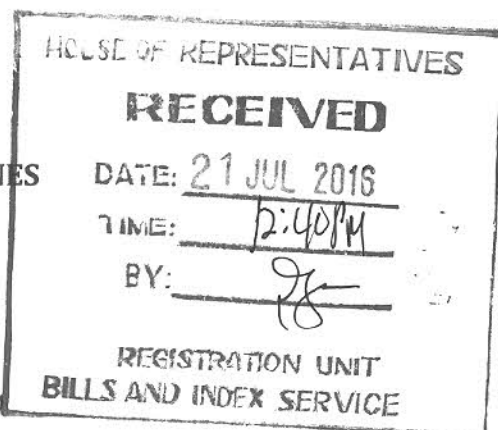


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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Upon this Representation's consultation with constituents, one of the issues that emerged was the lack of police officers in the country<sup>1</sup>.

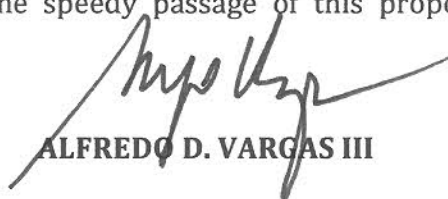
The Department of the Interior and Local Government prescribed that the ideal police to population ratio is 1:500. However, the Philippine National Police may not be able to meet this proposed ratio due to budgetary constraints.

This bill, originally filed by former Senator Manny Villar in the 13<sup>th</sup> Congress and highly advocated by my constituents, offers an alternative solution to the problem. It seeks to establish a National Junior Police Force consisting of youth volunteers who will assist regular law enforcers, local officials, and school administrators in the implementation of laws and ordinances.

The bill is expected to strengthen the spirit of volunteerism among the youth. The program provides a training ground that molds our youth to be law-abiding citizens. It also gives them an opportunity to contribute to society and nation building.

In the long run, the proposed National Junior Police may be a good source of future police men as these young people have been exposed early on to the practice of law enforcement.

To further empower our police force and ensure the participation of the youth in maintaining peace and order in the community, the speedy passage of this proposed legislation is urged.

  
**ALFREDO D. VARGAS III**

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<sup>1</sup> The constituent panel on Peace and Order proposed this bill when this representation conducted the consultative program, *Lehislatibong Ugnayan ng Kongreso at mga Simbahan*.

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL JUNIOR POLICE IN EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT,**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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 Junior Police Act.”

SEC. 2. *Creation of a National Junior Police Force.* – There shall be established a national junior police force in every local government unit (LGU) which shall be composed of abled Filipino citizens between the ages of 15 and 20.

SEC. 3. *Responsibilities of the Chief Executives of LGUs.* – The chief executive of the LGU shall appoint the members of the national junior police force upon recommendation of the school principals, barangay captains, or registered civil society and non-government organizations.

The members of the national junior police force shall be under the supervision and control of the chief executive of the LGU.

SEC. 4. *Functions of the National Junior Police.* – The national junior police force shall assist the local officials, the regular police force, barangay officials, and school administrators in the following:

- A. Implementation of laws, ordinances, and school regulations
- B. Maintenance of peace and order
- C. Dissemination of public information
- D. Performance of related duties as may be delegated by the chief executive of the LGU.

SEC. 5. – *Qualifications.* – Volunteers must meet the following qualifications:

- A. At least 15 years but not more than 20 years of age

- B. Able to read and write Filipino, English or the local language/dialect
- C. Must not have been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude

Out-of-school youth who meet these qualifications are encouraged to volunteer.

SEC. 6. The members of the national junior police force shall not be entitled to any regular salary except such allowances or honoraria as may be granted by the LGU.

SEC. 7. *Exemption from Written Police Entrance Examination.* Any member of the national junior police force who has served for at least (4) years of service shall be exempted from taking the written examination being given for entry to the regular police force.

SEC. 8. *Appropriations.* – The amount of Php100,000,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the Department of Interior Local Government for use in the organization of the national junior police force. The amount for its maintenance shall be shouldered by the respective local government units.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,