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EXPLANATORY NOTE

No database yet exists that readily provides immediate, helpful, and reliable information when it comes to matters of record involving police shootings and other deaths in law enforcement custody.

This, for example, includes those who are killed by police during a stop, arrest, or other interaction. It may have to likewise include those who die in jail or prison. Such information or details to be fully useful should include gender, age, and other circumstances surrounding the death. In other words, it is of great importance that police departments shall henceforth now be required to count how many people they shoot, in aid of legislation.

One of the best approaches to reform the police has to start with the availability of such information and this database from local police departments should form the basis of national database on police shootings and other deaths resulting from law enforcement custody or interaction, as the case may be.

This same database shall be useful in formulating outcomes toward actually reducing the number of such deaths on a yearly basis and in the end will redound to the good of society. More importantly, it will provide adequate basis for more accurate and efficient planning and programming of reforms to be made and resources to be distributed based on these geographic and historical police data.

The immediate passage of this measure is hence strongly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A RELIABLE NATIONAL DATABASE OF POLICE SHOOTINGS AND
OTHER DEATHS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT CUSTODY THEREBY INSTITUTING REFORM
MEASURES TOWARD REDUCTION OF SUCH SHOOTINGS/DEATHS AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the 'National Database of Police Shootings Act.'

SEC. 2. There shall hereby be established a National Database of Police Shootings and Other Deaths in Law Enforcement Custody. Such data generally refer to police shootings and other deaths in law enforcement custody but shall likewise include those who are killed by police during a stop, arrest, or other interaction. Moreover, it may have to include those who die in jail or prison.

SEC. 3. In carrying out the provisions of this Act, all police departments shall henceforth establish a database on a quarterly basis of the appurtenant information as vital basis of public policy.

SEC. 4. Under this Act, the Philippine National Police shall be responsible for the preparation of an annual National Database of such appurtenant information for submission to Congress in aid of policy and toward an effective reduction on its incidence/occurrence.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval and publication in the Official Gazette and in at least three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,