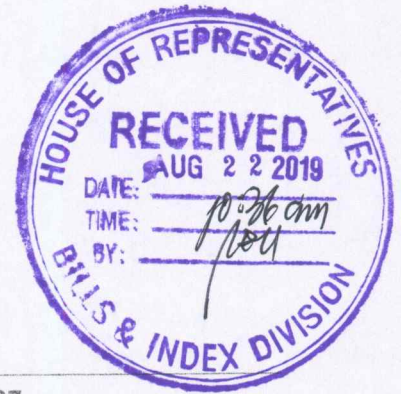


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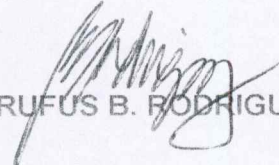
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Philippine Merchant Marine Academy (PMMA) was established in order to produce efficient and well-trained merchant marine officers who can favorably compare with marine officers of progressive maritime countries sufficient to carry the expanding international trade in times of peace and capable of serving as a naval and military auxiliary in times of war and national emergency. The PMMA seeks to educate and train midshipmen/women to become qualified and competent merchant marine officers for shipboard and shore-based positions, in response to the global requirements of the expanding international maritime industry, competent and capable naval officers who can serve as naval and military auxiliaries in times of war and national emergencies and contributors to the improvement of maritime education and the pool of ship business managers through graduate school programs.

As it is, majority of the cadets entering the PMMA come from bigger cities and provinces and it is high time that we ensure a more balanced composition of every "Class" that graduates from the PMMA. One way to do this is to, as far as practicable, select at least one incoming cadet from every congressional district every year.

This way, aspiring cadets from far-flung areas are given a chance to fulfill their dreams of becoming merchant marine and naval officers.

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


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AN ACT

MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY (PMMA) TO SELECT ONE CADET FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EVERY YEAR TO COMPRISE ITS INCOMING CLASS

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

SECTION 1. The Philippine Merchant Marine Academy (PMMA) is hereby mandated to select a cadet from each congressional district in the Philippines to comprise the freshman class of the year following the enactment of this Act and thereafter, thus ensuring that each graduating class shall be representative of the entire country: *Provided*, That a cadet must pass the entrance examination and comply with all the current admission requirements of the PMMA: *Provided further*, That only upon determination that there is no qualified applicant from a certain legislative district shall another qualified applicant be considered, irrespective of domicile.

SEC. 2. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the PMMA, in consultation with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and other concerned government agencies, shall promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, implementing rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,