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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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Towards this end, the State shall enhance the capacity of the nation to produce the needed manpower and to expand its human resources in times of war, calamities and disaster, national or local emergencies, and in support to the Government's law enforcement strategy against crimes, by creating a pool of trained reservists.

While Republic Act 7077 provides for the development, administration, organization, training and maintenance and utilization of the citizen armed forces of the Armed forces of the Philippines, it was not implemented with efficiency, thus, it is in this spirit to revisit R.A. 7077 in the tune of the needs of our times, were calamities, national disaster and threat to national security is a potential observations.

This bill will be an added instruments for the value and discipline formation as the strength to enhance nation-building, patriotism and preparedness.

Hence, passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

Chapter I
DECLARATION OF POLICY

Section 1. Declaration of Constitutional Policy- The prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people. The Government may call upon the people to defend the State and, in the fulfilment thereof, all citizens may be required, under conditions provided by law, to render personal military or civil service. The inculcation of the spirit of nationalism, nation-building, and national preparedness among a country's population is vital to that country's survival.

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Section 2. Title- This Act shall be known as the " Citizens Armed Forces of the Philippines mandatory Reservist Act".

Section 3. The Regular Armed Forces.-It is the policy of the State to maintain a standing, active or regular military force consonant to its adequate and actual needs for the security of the

State but which can augmented by the well discipline Citizen Armed Forces in the event of war, invasion or rebellion.

Section 4. The Security and Socioeconomic Development of the State-The Citizens Armed Force shall be provided maximum opportunity to participate in safeguarding the peace and security of the State which is vital counterpart in socioeconomic development.

Section 5. The Call to Mandatory Military Citizen Armed Forces Training and Enlistment Reservist Service-The citizen Armed Forces shall be so organized geographical enlistment (Province, District, City, Municipality), trained, developed and maintained as to ensure their readiness to immediately respond to the call to service under the direct supervision of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Section 6. The Public Awareness- The State shall promote and develop public support to and awareness of the important role of the Citizen Armed Force as protector of the people and the State.

Section 7. The Manpower of the Citizen Armed Force.-The manpower objective of the Citizen Armed Force shall not be projected on actual needs but to maximize utilization of every individual geared to become discipline, active, participative, patriotic citizens able to respond emergencies in times of calamities, disaster and in the eventualities of war and invasion or rebellion.

Chapter II

Citizen Armed Reservist Force Mission and Organization

Section 8. Mission.-the mission of the Citizen Armed Reservist Force, shall be referred to as the Reserve Force to provide geographical base military trained individuals called to service by the President under direct supervision by the Armed Forces of the Philippines in the event of war, invasion or rebellion, much to be utilized mandatorily in relief and rescue operations during severe disaster and calamities, but in furtherance, to assist in socioeconomic development, security operation protection and maintenance of vital government and private utilities when extremely necessary. Such is not envisioned by the State to have them a nation under arms when it is not needed.

Section 9. Organization.-The Reserve Force shall be organized into five (5) components, namely:

- 1.The Army Reserve Component
- 2.The Air Force Reserve Component
- 3.The Navy Reserve Component
4. The AFP-Wide technical Reserve Component; and
5. The affiliated Reserves

Section 10.-Organization of Reserve Components.- The organizational manpower, structure, manning and equipment of the five (5) Reserve Components provided under Section 9 of this Act shall be prescribed and determined by the Secretary of the Department of the National Defense (DND) and it shall be approved by the President of the Philippines and it shall likewise conform with the organizational set up of the regular force and civilian organization.

Reserve Reservist Units shall be composed of battalion, company, squad type or equivalent organized on a district, city and municipal level which constitute a provincial reserve unit command, while brigade and division type or equivalent will constitute regional reservist unit command.

Section 11. Affiliate Reserves.-As the President shall approved upon recommendation of the Secretary of National Defense, certain private and government entities, corporations, establishment and organizations at the national, provincial, and municipal levels which provide essential public services such as water, light, transportation and communications which are necessary to support the prosecution of national defense plans or to meet an emergency shall be organized as affiliated units of the Reserve Force. These affiliated units shall be constituted by appropriate orders to be issued by the Secretary of National Defense, given unit designations and assigned to the appropriate reserve components of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). The roster of the officials and employees of these affiliated units shall be included in the orders of constituting the units. These units shall be utilized in times of war or emergency to ensure the continuous and uninterrupted provision of the essential services they are rendering.

Chapter III

DEFINITION OF CITIZEN SOLDIERS

Section 12. Citizen Soldiers.-The citizen soldiers, alternately referred to as Reservists, who compose the Reserve Force are those enlisted reservists of the Armed Forces of the Philippines who are incorporated into the Reserve Force, as follows:

1. Graduates of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) basic school curriculum and advance courses who were issued orders as enlisted reservists or reserve officers of the AFP.
2. Graduates of authorized basic military training instructions who, as a result thereof, were issued orders as enlisted reservists or reserve officers.
3. Ex-servicemen and retired officers of the AFP and other armed forces that have diplomatic relations with the Philippines who were honourably discharged or retired from the service and who are Filipino citizens upon their applications.
4. Recognized World War II guerrillas who were honourably discharged from the service.
5. Commissioned and Non-Commission Officers under the affiliated Reserves category and graduates of the National Defense College of the Philippines and
6. Commissioned and Non-commissioned Officers and privates under the existing laws including those procured under project 36-70 and included in the present AFP roster before the enactment of this Act and those to be commissioned or enlisted after the enactment of the Act.

Chapter IV

CATEGORIZATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF CITIZEN SOLDIERS

Section 13. Categorization of Citizen Soldiers.-There shall be three (3) categories of citizen soldiers of AFP reservists based on age;

1.*First Category Reserve.*-The First Category Reserve shall be composed of able-bodied reservists whose age during the call to reservist training ranging from twenty (20) to forty (40) years old; Required as Mandatory.

2.*Second Category Reserve.*- the Second Category Reserve shall be composed of able-bodied reservists whose age are ranging from forty (41) to fifty (50) years of aged. Retraining but voluntary-Registrants must present a Reservist Completion Training Certificate of the First Category Required as mandatory

3. Third Category Reserve.-The Third Category Reserve shall be composed of all able-bodied reservists who are fifty one (51) to sixty (60) years of aged. Retraining but voluntary-Registrants must present a Reservist Completion Training Certificate of the First Category Required as mandatory.

Section 14.-Classification of Reserve Force Units.-Based on the categorization provided in Section 13 on this Act, the Reserve Force Units shall further be classified into as the Ready Reserve, the Standby Reserve and the Retired Reserve based in their operational readiness for immediate deployment/utilization.

1.Ready Reserve.- the Ready Reserve shall be composed of citizen soldiers belonging to the First Category Reserve provided on Section 13 of this Act. Organized, trained and maintained as mobilized ready reserve reservists subject to call at anytime to augment the regular armed force of the AFP to respond local and national emergencies arising from calamities, disasters in the conduct of relief and rescue operations and/or other civil assistance may deem required to include the remotest instance of war of foreign invasion, so much so the threat of peace, security and instability in a rebellion.

Any Reservist or citizen soldiers belonging to the Second Category Reserve and/or the Third Category Reserve, particularly the commissioned and non-commissioned officers, who will volunteer to serve with the Ready Reserve shall be allowed, if qualified and fit for duty, to join and actively participate as part of the Ready Reserve and shall serve with an appropriate Ready Reserve Unit.

Furthermore, members of the AFP Affiliated Reserve Units of various government and private utilities and services considered essential for the preservation of the economic stability of the country or particular locality, such as power and electricity, water supply, transportation and communications, among others, regardless of their categorization shall be classified as Ready Reserve.

All reservists/citizen soldiers belonging to the First Category Reserve, except those exempted under this Act, shall be required to serve with Ready Reserve Units and will have assignments and promotions in accordance with existing policies of the AFP until transferred to the Standby Reserve by virtue of their age.

The following reservists/citizen soldiers may be exempted from rendering service with said reserve units;

- a. Active Members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire and Jail Management
- b. Those who are residing abroad but only during the duration of their absence from the Philippines
- c. Those who are physically and mentally ill and unfit to serve their tour of duty
- d. Those who are convicted of crimes involving moral turpitude; and
- e. Those who may be exempted from duty for valid reasons which may be authorized on a case-to-case basis by appropriate and competent authority. For this purpose, the AFP shall issue such appropriate guidelines, rules and regulations as may be necessary.

2. Standby Reserve.-The Standby Reserve shall be composed of citizen soldier mostly to the Second Category Reserve and the Third Category Reserve, except as provided in this Act, and it shall be required to be mobilized when upon determination from the AFP the shortfall of manpower from the Ready Reserve may be called to mobilized during local and national emergency and in times of war.

3. Retired Reserve.-The Retired Reserve shall be composed of citizen soldiers who have qualified for retirement at the age of sixty (60) years old and/or disability. However, if still physically fit for duty, a member of the Retired Reserve may be ordered to be deployed in time of local and national emergencies.

Chapter V MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT

Section 15.- Mandatory Reservist Training Registration.-All male citizens ranging from the age of twenty (20) to forty (40) years old who are not reservists shall be mandatorily required to register for Enlistment Reservist Training Program to be conducted by the AFP geographical Reserve Command for disaster, calamities and slight military orientation training program for resiliency and readiness in times of local and national emergencies.

The Reservist Registration Form Applications (RRFA) shall be mandatorily distributed to the Office City/Municipal Mayors nationwide for ready distribution to the Office of Barangay Chairman prescribed to be the suitable registration place in monitoring candidates for reservist training program.

Section 16.- Exemption from Mandatory Reservist Training.- the following are exempted from Reservist Training:

1. Members of the Clergy of any religious order or sect, except if they volunteer;
2. Those in the active service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, uniform members of the Bureau of Fire and the National Penitentiary, corrective institutions, and insane asylums and
3. Licensed air and marine pilots, navigator and merchant marine officers.

Section 17.-Persons Disqualified or Exempted from Reservist Registration and Training.- The following persons are disqualified by this Act are the following:

1. Persons who are disqualified by law from employment in government service;
2. Those who are physically or mentally ill and unfit as certified by AFP Medical Officers and other authorized Government physicians.
3. Those convicted by final judgement of criminal offenses involving moral turpitude, and/or suffering incarceration awaiting trial by a court of law, provided, that upon their release from custody they shall without delay register;
4. Students of colleges, universities and similar institutions who are undergoing ROTC training curriculum units provided that required ROTC curriculum units be completed, and/or AFP recognized military training programs authorized by the AFP;
5. Those persons who are constituted as members of affiliated units for the duration of time that they hold such membership, provided, that upon termination of their membership, they shall be subject to the prescribed reservist training program.

Section 18. – Registrants Selection and Recruitment for Mandatory Reservist Enlistment-

The filled up Reservist Registration Form Applications (RRFA) who are to undergo mandatory reservist training provided in this Act, shall be submitted to the Office of Barangay Chairman, subsequently, said form shall be submitted to the Local Reservist Command for proper documentations and for the Secretary of National Defense (DND) to prescribe final selection of trainees to be included in the scheduled training.

Section 19.-Quota for Mandatory Training.- The Secretary of National Defense shall furnish each province, city, municipality the quota for mandatory reservist training with a required 100 maximum number of the trainees per training schedule.

Reservist Training Program will be conducted in the local reservist command jurisdiction within City Reservist Command and the Municipality Reservist Command.

Section 20.-Notice of Selected Registrants.-The Province, City, Municipal Reservist Command shall cause the immediate and adequate publication of the names of the Registrants who have been selected in accordance with Section 18 hereof and at once notify the Registrants concern to report with the city, municipality reservist command post for training acceptance and instructions.

Section 21.-Registration of Citizens Residing or working Overseas.- Filipino citizens residing or working abroad, when they become liable to register for reservists' training under this Act, shall register with the nearest diplomatic or consular office of the Republic of the Philippines which transmit the registrants' data to the Secretary of National Defense.

Section 22.- Classification of Selected Registrants.- Registrants shall undergo physical examination to be conducted by available AFP physicians in cooperation with the LGU health physician. It shall then be classify into the following categories:

1. Class A – Fit for unlimited service
2. Class B – Fit for limited service only
3. Class C- Deferred until later date; and
4. Class D- Exempted by reasons of mental/physical deficiency

Section 23.-Deferment from Training.-The acceptance for the deferment of training from the registrants shall be allowed upon evaluation of the evidence to support the request for deferment subject to the following conditions;

1. Individuals who are indispensable to the support of their families may be granted deferments provided that every individual is responsible mandatorily to comply the provision of this Act to render mandatory training within the required age ranging from 20 to 40 years old, failure thereof shall be subject to penalty of imprisonment.
2. Students enrolled in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) in colleges and universities are automatically granted deferment which shall not extend beyond the period they are to complete their basic ROTC training. Students who successfully completed such training shall be exempted after which they must report to the nearest local reservist command for reservist enlistment registration presenting their ROTC training certificate of completion. Those who fail to complete, or discontinue the ROTC training, shall be obliged to undergo reservist training.

3. Seminary students of any religious sect shall be granted deferments for not exceeding the prescribed course in the seminary. Those who complete the course shall be exempted from training. Those who fail to complete shall be subject to mandatory training.
4. Cadets of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA), Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) and of other military or police service academies, local or foreign to include cadets of the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy and other similar local merchant marine academies duly recognized by the Government for the training of officers candidates, including those selected for cadetship in such academies, shall be granted deferments for not exceeding two (2) years. Those who successfully complete at least one-half (1/2) of the prescribed period of the course shall be exempted from training but still required to report to the nearest reservist command post for registration. Those who fail to complete one-half (1/2) of the prescribed period shall, upon their discharge from their course, be subject to training.
5. Selected registrants residing or working abroad shall be granted deferment for the duration of their stay abroad;
6. Elected officials and presidential appointees whose appointments are passed upon by the Commission on Appointments during incumbency.

Section 24.- Acceptance for Training.-Acceptance of registrants for training in each city, municipality shall be within the jurisdiction of local reservist command to include application for deferment, if any. Registrants shall undergo free physical examination fitness procedure. The Registrants who have been finally qualified and selected shall be reported to the Office of the Secretary National Defense and shall be instructed to report to the designated assigned military camp unit for training.

Section 25.-Procurement of Reservist Officers and Non-commissioned Officers for Affiliated Reserve Units.-Key Officers and employees of government or private entities, corporations, establishment and organizations which have affiliated units shall be encouraged to undergo military training to qualify them as reserve officers or non-commissioned officers, as such they shall be assigned to key positions in the affiliated units where they are employed and called to active service with these units once they are activated.

Section 26.- Draftee Training and Service.- As may be ordered by the President, male citizen between the ages of twenty (20) and thirty-five (35) shall be called to training and active

service for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) months, broken down into training period of not more than six (6) months and an active service period of not more than eighteen (18) months. Registrants will be selected for draftee training and service in accordance with Sections 15 and 22 hereof. A draftee may volunteer and be accepted for an extension of active service of not more than twelve (12) consecutive months, after which his services as draftee shall be terminated. A draftee during the period of his active duty service to include the extension of such service is entitled to receive all the pay and allowances due to his grade as received by any member of the regular force; provided, that, upon termination of his draftee service, he shall receive a separation gratuity of not less than one (1) month salary for every year of his service to include the period of six (6) months shall be considered as complete year for purposes of this gratuity.

Chapter VI

CITIZEN RESERVIST TRAINING

Section 27.- Basic Citizen Mandatory Reservist Training.-Registrants finally selected for citizen mandatory reservist training pursuant to Sections 15 and 24 shall undergo a basic disaster, calamities and military training program for a period equivalent to not more than two hundred hours (200) training and it shall be rendered every Saturday and Sunday, no reservist training will be conducted during week days. The Secretary of National Defense shall prescribe the course of instruction.

The course of instruction shall include among others, subject on moral virtues, patriotism, discipline, support for and adherence of the constitution, and respect for human rights.

Section 28.-Reservist Training Center.-There shall be established in every province at least three (3) training center for the conduct of citizen military and reservist training with a minimum training capacity of one hundred (100) registrants per training at a time. These training centers shall form part of the reserve component organization of the major services and shall be referred to as citizen military training centers.

Section 29.-Incorporation into Training.-Upon reporting to their assigned training centers, the selected registrants shall be physically examined pursuant to Section 24 fit for the service and shall be inducted into reservist training. Any changes of the training center if necessary, the commanding officer of the training center shall be authorized to issue necessary orders covering available military transportation, provided, that no registrants shall be transferred to a training center outside his province or designated training center except in the case of

Philippine Navy and Philippine Air Force registrants if there are no air or naval training centers thereat.

Section 30.- Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC)- Military training for students enrolled in colleges, universities and similar institutions of learning is mandatory pursuant to the provisions of the National Defense Act and the 1987 Constitution.

Section 31.-Establishment of ROTC Units in Schools.- At such colleges, universities and similar institutions of learning that request for the conduct of military training in their institutions, there shall be established and maintained Reserve Officers' Training Corps units as the Secretary of National Defense may approve, which shall conduct military training for the students of such institutions for the purpose of producing enlisted and officer reservists. The program of instruction shall be prescribed by the Secretary of National Defense and may include instruction to prepare female students for military service: provided, that, such course of instruction shall not exceed two (2) academic years in the case of enlisted reservists, and four (4) academic years in the case of officer reservists which shall include as necessary summer or probationary training of not more than sixty (60) consecutive days. The first two (2) years ROTC training, which is mandatory, shall hereinafter be referred to as basic ROTC while the second (2) years after basic ROTC, which is voluntary, shall hereafter be referred to as advance ROTC. The allocation of ROTC units to the various major services of the AFP shall conform to the projected manpower needs of their respective reserve components.

Section 32.-Acceptance for Advance ROTC.-Students who volunteer for advance ROTC shall be screened by an ROTC acceptance board which is hereby created for the purpose, composed of the commandant of ROTC units, a representative of the school nominated by the school authorities, and a military physician. The student volunteer shall be physically examined for fitness for training and shall further be made to execute in writing a testament that he volunteered for training of his own volition. Where the student is below eighteen (18) years of age, he shall be required to obtain his parent's or guardian's consent. In the case of student volunteering for reserve officers training, they shall further be subject to competition examination in order to select the best material. The student undergoing advance ROTC shall be referred to as advance ROTC cadets.

Section 33. Organization and Staffing of ROTC Units.- The Secretary of National Defense shall prescribe the organization and staffing of ROTC units. Reserve officers in the active service as well as qualified enlisted and officer reservists in the inactive status shall be given priority to handle training instruction and to assist in the administration and shall be entitled to receive honoraria and other allowances as the Secretary of National Defense shall prescribe.

Section 34.- Funds for the Maintenance and operation of School ROTC Units.- The funds for the establishment, maintenance and operation of ROTC units shall be provided for in the regular annual appropriations of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Such appropriations shall be provided for the full funding support for advance ROTC only. The school of the student may not be required to spend any amount for the establishment, operation and maintenance of ROTC training: provided, that the school requesting for such establishment shall provide the training ground and office facilities free of charge. The advance ROTC cadets shall each be provided free two (2) suits of fatigue uniform with headgear, belt and one (1) pair of combat boots for the duration of the training. However, those taking the basic ROTC are required to pay a reasonable ROTC fee, the amount be determined by the Secretary of National Defense in coordination with the school official concerned.

Section 35. Scholarship Incentive for Advance ROTC Training.- Students undergoing advance ROTC who belong to the upper five percent (5%) of their academic class shall be provided a tuition subsidy of fifty percent (50%) of their annual tuition for the period of their advance ROTC, the funds for this purpose shall be carried in the annual appropriations of the AFP. The Chief of Staff, AFP shall promulgated the guidelines for the implementation of this provision.

Chapter VII

INCORPORATED INTO RESERVED FORCE

Section 36.-Elected Officials and the Presidential Appointees. – Elected official appointees may be commissioned in the Reserve Force subject to the existing AFP rules and regulations.

Section 36. – Award of Ranks and Assignments to Reserve Units of Graduates of ROTC.- Graduates of basic ROTC shall be given a reserve enlisted rank and serial number and assigned to reserve units and mobilization centers in their provinces. The ranks to be awarded shall be from private to sergeant or its equivalent: provided, that the quota for non-commissioned officers shall not exceed five (5%) of the authorized strength of the unit to which the reservists be assigned after graduation: provided, further, that those to be awarded rank above private shall be chosen based on merit. Those who continue to the advance ROTC course shall continue to carry their enlisted rank until after their successful completion of advance ROTC.

Section 37.- Disposition of Graduates of Advance ROTC. – Those who successfully completed the advance ROTC course shall be recommended for commission in the reserve as second lieutenants and assigned to the reserve units and mobilization centers in their provinces. Those with manifest potential may be commissioned in the regular force as second lieutenants

subject of the criteria for regular officers of this rank for that particular service. Those who fail to complete the course shall be conferred the enlisted rank of sergeant or its equivalent and similarly assigned to reserve units and mobilization centers. Probationary training as a requisite before commissioning shall be determined by the major service concerned based on technical skills.

Section 38. – Notification of Reserve Assignment. – The reservist shall be notified in writing of his assignment to a reservist unit and a mobilization center. He shall be made to acknowledge receipt in writing of such notification.

Section 37.- Reservist Registry.- The Armed Forces of the Philippines shall provide jurisdictional district, city, municipality reservist command office the list of those who have successfully completed reservist training program, indicating therein, among others, the corresponding rank and its serial number, reserve unit assignment and mobilization center, which registry shall be regularly updated annually.

Chapter VIII

MAINTENANCE, TRAINING AND ADMINISTRATION OF RESERVE FORCE

Section 39.- Accounting of Reservists.- All reservists, particularly those belonging to the Ready and Standby Reserves, shall be accounted for, their record and status updated and present whereabouts ascertained in order to ensure their readiness to the call to duty. As far as practicable, the services of the national and local reservists and veterans organization will be tapped to assist in the accounting of reservists.

Section 40.- Organization for Maintenance and Administration of the Reserve Force.- The major services of the Armed Forces of the Philippines shall be responsible for the administration, training, equipage and maintenance of their respective reserve components subject to the regulations to be prescribe by the Secretary of National Defense. In the General Headquarters, AFP and in each major service headquarters, there shall be a staff division of the level of the principal coordinating staff which shall be dedicated to planning and policy formulation for the administration, development, organization, training, equipage, maintenance and utilization of their respective Reserve Force component. The Chief of Staff, AFP shall create an AFP Reserve Command within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act. In the case of major services, there shall b further be separated unit dedicated to the implementation of such plans and policies. In staffing the command structure of these units, preference shall be given to qualified reserve officers in the active service and integrates.

Section 41.- Training of Individual Reservist and Reserve Units.- Maximum opportunity shall be afforded the reservists to update their skills through compulsory or voluntary training. Such training shall have for its principal purpose the enhancement of the readiness of the individual reservists and reserve units to respond to the call to service. To this end, there shall be two (2) types of training:

1. Compulsory training of not less than thirty (30) days but not more than sixty (60) days for reserve units and/or individual reservists in a given year preferably to First Category; and
2. Voluntary training subject to the capability of the AFP to provide training, individual reservists, commissioned and non-commissioned officers shall be encouraged to undergo training on a voluntary basis to upgrade their proficiency with priority to the Standby Reserve units. The Secretary of National Defense shall prescribe the course of instruction for the aforementioned training. The services of qualified individual enlisted and officer reservists shall be utilized to the maximum in the conduct of ROTC and reservist training.

Section 42.- Reserve Officers' Non-resident Instruction.-Each major service shall conduct on a continuing basis non-resident instruction for the purpose of maintaining and updating the proficiency of its reservist officers, particularly key officers of Ready Reserve Units. Such instruction shall prepare these reserve officers to assume duties up to brigade command and staff or equivalent. The reserve officers undertaking such course shall be given priority for call to annual duty training or service with their units or with the AFP units. Successful completion of the non-resident course will be equivalent to having undertaken one (1) annual active duty training tour.

Section 43. Active Duty Tour for Training of Reserve Officers.- In order to improve their professional competence and leadership qualities reserve officers in the inactive status shall be called active duty for a period of not exceeding two (2) years without extension; provided, that the quota for such duty shall as far as practicable be proportionately distributed to the provinces and cities based on their reserve units, with priority to units of Ready Reserve I: provided, further, that the reserve officers called to active duty shall as far as practicable serve in the province of their reserve units assignment. A reserve officer who has serve his tour shall not be called again to active duty until after five (5) years, except in case of mobilization.

Section 44. Classification and Maintenance of Readiness of reserve Units.- Units which are composed of reservists of the Ready Reserve shall be classified as to degree of readiness to respond the call to the service, as follows:

1. Ready Reserve I-Units classified as Ready Reserve I shall be maintained in a high degree of readiness as to be ready for operational employment in not more than seven (7) days activation. The individual and crew served weapons and individual clothing and equipment shall be ready for distribution upon their activation. The whereabouts of their reservists shall be constantly ascertained. As necessary, these units shall carry an excess of twenty percent (20%) of their authorized personnel strength to compensate for those who may fail to report or be late in reporting for duty.
2. Ready Reserve II.-Units classified as Ready Reserve II shall be maintained in a degree of readiness as to be read for operational employment in not more that fifteen (15) days.

The Chief of Staff, AFP shall select and recommend to the Secretary of National Defense the reserve units under the Ready Reserve I and Ready Reserve II: provided, that in areas undergo severe disaster and calamities and likewise threatened by insurgency, there shall be at least one (1) battalion strength under readiness status of Ready Reserve I.

Section 45. Mobilization Stock.- The minimum essential individual and organizational equipment and supplies shall be procured, stored and maintained for selected Ready Reserve units to enhance rapid transition to readiness required for employment in the shortest possible time.

Section 46.- Training as Requisite for Promotion.- Successful completion of training pursuant to Sections 41 and 42 hereof shall be a requisite for promotion in rank in the inactive status.

Section 47.-Classification of Reserve Officers in the Inactive Status.- There shall be only (1) classification of reserve officers in the inactive status regardless of their source or nature of commission. Likewise, there shall be only one (1) classification of reserve and lineal list for all reservist officers in the inactive status regardless of their source of commission, subject to the rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of National Defense.

Section 48.- Status of Reservist on Training.- Reservist on compulsory training shall be subject to military law. They shall not receive pay but entitled for two (2) complete set of military uniform and free hospitalization and burial during the conduct of mandatory reservist training.

Chapter IX

UTILIZATION OF THE RESERVE FORCE

Section 49. Mobilization.- The utilization of the Reserve Force in time of emergency to meet in response to national disaster, calamities and a threat to national security shall be through mobilization:

1. Full Mobilization.- full mobilization shall be through joint act of Congress and the President. When full mobilization is ordered, all units of the Ready and Standby Reserves will be activated, the reservists constituting them are called to active duty, and the units activated are placed on operational readiness. All other reservist not assigned to any unit of those assigned to reserve pools shall be organized into replacement units;
2. Partial mobilization.-Partial mobilization shall be through the joint act of Congress and the President. When partial mobilization is ordered, only the units of the Ready Reserve are necessary to meet the threat will be activated, the reservists assigned to these units are called to active duty and the activated units are placed on operational readiness. The President will specify the units to be activated; and
3. Selective Mobilization.-Selective mobilization shall be by authority of the President. Selective mobilization may be ordered to meet a local threat or emergency situation. When so ordered, only selected units of the Ready Reserve of the Localities involved are activated and the reservist assigned to them are called to active duty; or active auxiliary units are organized and volunteer reservist are called to active auxiliary service for the purpose under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of National Defense may prescribe.

Section 50. Status of Reserve under Mobilization.- An enlisted or officer reservist when called to active duty by virtue of mobilization shall receive all the pay and allowances, medical care, hospitalization and other privileges and benefits prescribed by law or regulations for officers and enlisted personnel of the regular force.

Section 51.-Mobilization Centers.-There shall be established in each as many mobilization centers as needs corresponding to the number and distribution of reservists in the province to which reservists will report when mobilization is ordered. The citizen military training center in the provinces established under this Act may also be used as mobilization centers. The location of these centers shall be given the widest public information by the local executives.

Section 52.-Demobilization.- When the threat or emergency for which demobilization had been ordered has passed, the president shall order the demobilization of the reserve units activated and the reservists of such deactivated units shall be reverted to inactive status.

Section 53. Auxiliary Service.- For the purpose of helping maintain local peace and order, meeting local insurgency threat, assisting in rescue and relief operations during disasters and calamities, health welfare activities and participating in local socioeconomic development projects, the President may call upon the reservists in the affected or concerned localities to volunteer their services. Such volunteer services shall be referred to as auxiliary service and shall be two (2) types:

1. **Civil Auxiliary Service.**- Civil Auxiliary Service covers services rendered in helping maintain law and order, assisting in rescue operations, participating in socioeconomic development projects, delivery of health services and any other non-military activity. Female reservists shall be given greater participation in this regard. Reservists serving under this category shall not be armed. Those who have licensed firearms may be granted permit to carry firearms only when they are actually performing duties in maintaining peace and order, provided, adequate control measures are instituted by the proper authorities concerning the carrying and use of firearms. In no case shall the reservists be vested with police powers.
2. **Military Auxiliary Service.**- Military Auxiliary Service covers services rendered meeting local insurgency threat. Reservists serving under this category will be organized into Ready Reserve Units. They must be issued and allowed to carry firearms: provided, that these reservists will be utilized only for the defense of their localities and will not be employed outside their localities. Elected/appointed local government officials are expected to and will not be employed outside their localities. Elected/Appointed local government officials are expected to perform their duties and responsibilities in their respective peace and order council levels or similar organizations efficiently and effectively to enhance a total integrated system approach against threats to national security.

The Secretary of National Defense shall prescribe rules and regulations to implement this section in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government.

Section 54. Status of Reservist on Auxiliary Service.- A reservist performing auxiliary service shall not receive payment but shall be entitled to receive allowance and burial benefits as provided by law. With this consent, a reservist may continue to render such services without

receiving the allowances allowance due to him. A reservist serving military auxiliary services is subject to military law;whereas, a reservist serving civil auxiliary service is not.

Section 55. Women Reservists.- Women shall have the right and duty to serve in AFP. The relevant standards for admission, training and commissioning of women shall be the same as those required for men, except for those essential adjustment is such standards required because of physiological differences between men and women. Women reservists program must not be mandatory.

Chapter X

FUNDING REQUIREMENT

Section 56. Funding Requirements.- all funds previously appropriated for the administration, development and training of the reserve component of the AFP and which will subsequently and hereafter be appropriated for the purpose shall be used exclusively for the purpose shall used exclusively for the purpose of implementing the provision of this Act.

To sustain the efficient and effective administration, organization, training, maintenance and utilization of Ready Reserve units and keep them appropriately and adequately equipped an in a state of readiness, as well as provide for the adequate training of citizen soldiers or reservists, adequate funds for this purpose, as may be required or recommended by the AFP, shall be appropriated and made available on a continuing basis.

The President shall utilize a portion of the Military Assistance Fund from any source to augment the appropriation for the Reserve force.

An amount equivalent to five hundred million (Php 500,000,000.00) be appropriated in every fiscal year budget for the administration, development and training of the mandatory reservist program in augmentation of the portion of the Military Assistance Fund provide for by the President to be utilized for the Reserve Force.

Chapter XI

PENALTIES

Section 57.- Penalties.- Failure to undergo mandatory reservist training program to all male after the prescribe age of this Act at forty years (40) old shall be deprived of the following:

1. ISSUANCE OF National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) CLEARANCE;

2. ISSUANCE OF POLICE CLEARANCE
3. ISSUANCE OF OMBUDSMAN/COURT CLEARANCE

Certificate of Mandatory Reservist Training Program Completion shall be required and be presented during the application for the issuance of NBI, Police, Ombudsman and Court clearances only after at the age of forty (40) years old.

Chapter XII

RESCISSION AND EFFECTIVITY

Section 58.- Repealing Clause.- All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent or in conflict with any provision of the Act are hereby repealed or amended.

Section 59.- Effectivity Clause.- This Act shall take effect upon its approval.