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HOUSE BILL NO. 4747



Introduced by REP. JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL, ET. AL.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As a thrust to cater for the special needs attendant to women and children in relation to crimes against chastity, sexual harassment and other abuses, Republic Act 8551 of 1998 required the establishment of the Women's Desk and Child Protection in all police stations. The same law also mandated the recruitment quota for women to ten percent (10%). Twenty-one years hence, the present circumstances of the Philippines is ripe for an increase of the recruitment quota of female members of the uniformed personnel.

We are made to rethink this administrative reform in the wake of abuses by male officers against women and children in their custody. It should be the State policy that only female officers should have direct and immediate custody of women and children brought to the police stations.

In other jurisdictions with strong child protection, whenever a minor is involved in an incident, male officers are prohibited from taking custody of the child without the presence of female officers, thereby preventing some abuses.

As such, the passage of this proposal is earnestly sought.

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14	AN ACT
15	INCREASING THE RECRUITMENT QUOTA REQUIREMENT OF FEMALE PNP
16	OFFICERS, AMENDING SECTION 58 OF REPUBLIC ACT 8551, APPROPRIATING
17	FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
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19	Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:
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21	Section 1. Within the next five (5) years, the PNP shall reserve fifteen percent (15%) of its
22	annual recruitment training and education quota for women; Provided, That the recruitment
23	quota for women shall be increased to twenty percent (20%) five (5) years thereafter.
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25	Section 2. The National Police Commission in coordination with the Philippine National
26	Police and the Department of the Interior and Local Government, shall promulgate rules and
27	regulations for the effective implementation of this Act. Such rules and regulations shall take
28	effect upon their publication in three (3) newspapers of general circulation.
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30	Section 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized
31	to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into
32	law and thereafter.
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34	Section 4. All laws, presidential decrees, letters of instructions, executive orders, rules and
35	regulations insofar as they are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or amended as
36	the case may be.
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38	Section 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette
39	or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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41	Approved.