

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3337



Introduced by Representative Michael L. Romero

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is imperative that the State maintains a firm and regular military force in times of peace in agreement with the adequate and actual needs for the security of the State, that can be rapidly expanded by the well-disciplined Citizen Armed Force in the event of war, invasion or rebellion.

Our Citizen Armed Forces shall be provided maximum opportunity to participate in safeguarding the security of the State and in assisting in socioeconomic development. The Citizen Armed Forces shall be so organized, trained, developed and maintained as to ensure their readiness to immediately respond to the call to service.

This House Bill seeks to promote and develop public support to and awareness of the important role of the Citizen Armed Forces as protector of the people and the State. The manpower objective of the Citizen Armed Force shall conform to projected and actual needs. It is not envisioned by the State to have a nation under arms, unless extremely necessary. Therefor the reinstatement of the **Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC)** is inevitable.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT

**REINSTATING THE MANDATORY RESERVE OFFICER'S
TRAINING CORPS (ROTC), PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby a declared policy of the state to serve and protect the people.

The Government may call upon the people to defend the State and, in the fulfillment thereof, all citizens may be required, under conditions provided by law, to render personal, military or civil service.

SECTION 2. REINSTATEMENT OF THE MANDATORY ROTC – It is hereby declared the reinstatement of the mandatory *Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC)*.

It shall apply to all students in grade 11 and 12, in all senior high schools of every public and private schools and institutions.

SECTION 3. ADMINISTRATION – The *Department of National Defense (DND)* and *DEPED* shall oversee the supervision and administration of the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - There is hereby authorized to appropriate the necessary funds to carry-out into effect the provisions of this act.

The budget shall be included of its implementing agencies (*DND and DEPED*), in the General Appropriations Act (**GAA**) of the year following the enactment of this act into law and every year after.

SECTION 5. TRANSITORY PROVISION – Existing departments, bureaus, agencies and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,