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HOUSE BILL NO. **4222**



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**Introduced by REP. Michael L. Romero**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Department of National Defense (DND) mandates reveals the need to progressively transform itself as an institution alongside with the need to continuously perform its defense missions effectively. Furthermore, the need to continually transform becomes more evident with the necessity to bring back to the optimum level the institutional capabilities that are degraded over time as it performs its missions and protocols.

DND institutional capabilities not only degrade over time due to the normal wear and tear but are also aggravated by the additional exposure to the effects of combat, calamities, and disasters that, if this are not addressed immediately, could bring the capability level of DND to "Non Capability".

Moreover, the need to sustain and institutionalize the reform measures initiated under the DND Program, and the necessity to synchronize the improvements in material and technology capabilities initiated under the AFP Modernization Program are strong reasons to pursue the Philippine Defense Transformation

(PDT) Program. In the long-term, the PDT Program seeks to continually develop capabilities that will effectively meet the evolving defense and security challenges of the 21st century. The specific capabilities identified herein support the attainment of the following strategic options:

- a)** Securing the National Territory and Protecting Strategic Maritime Interests;
- b)** Securing our Communities and Supporting Local Authorities;
- c)** Reducing the Risks of Natural and Human-Induced Disasters;
- d)** Strengthening and Expanding Our International Defense-Military Cooperation; and
- e)** Strengthening the Integrity of the Defense Establishment by Subscribing to Generally Accepted Principles of Security Sector Reform.

Also, the specific capabilities identified have been translated into capability development goals for every DND bureau. Synchronizing the attainment of the foregoing capability development goals through the PDT Program will move the entire DND forward as one organic whole, with each of the five separate but inter-related bureaus developing in concert with each other and complementing one another.

Towards 2022, the DND is envisioned to be "Fully Mission Capable" in addressing the evolving defense and security challenges; truly contributing to the aspirations of the Filipino people for the country to move in the direction of sustained growth and development. The goal statements of the AFP Modernization and the PDT programs remain valid as the defense and security environment evolve over time; hence the PDT Program seeks to continue these overarching goals. Toward these ends, the PDT Program will build upon the gains of the AFP Modernization and the PDT programs.

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



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**AN ACT**

**MANDATING THE ENROLLMENT OF ALL CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (DND) IN A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

**SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy** - The enrollment of all civilian personnel of the Department of National Defense (DND) in a Health Maintenance Organization is hereby mandated.

**SECTION 2. Rules and Regulations** - The Department of National Defense (DND) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the Appropriations of the Department of National Defense, Thereafter, it shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 3. Repealing Clause.** All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 4. Separability Clause.** If, for any reason or reasons, any portion or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5. Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect (15) days upon publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,