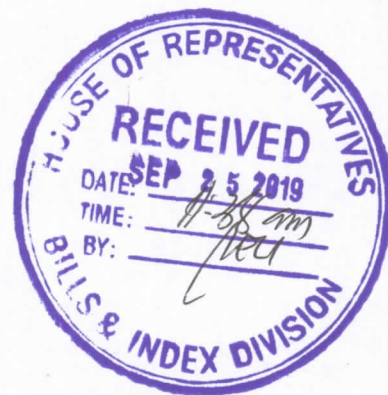


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***AN ACT PROVIDING MANDATORY ENLISTMENT RESERVIST TRAINING READY UTILIZATION PROGRAM OF THE CITIZENS ARMED FORCES OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND PROVIDES BENEFITS AND PENALTIES THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7077 KNOWN AS THE "CITIZEN ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES"***

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is a declared policy of the State that the prime duty of the government is to serve and protect the welfare of the people. In so doing, 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.

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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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.