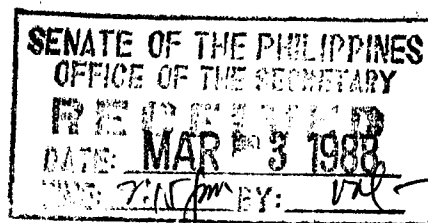


CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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S E N A T E

S. NO. 330

Introduced by Senator AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed bill seeks to establish the Department of Interior.

It will have control and/or supervision over the following bureaus and commission:

- (1) Bureau of Local Governments
- (b) Bureau of Tourism
- (c) National Police Commission
- (d) Bureau of Coast Guard.

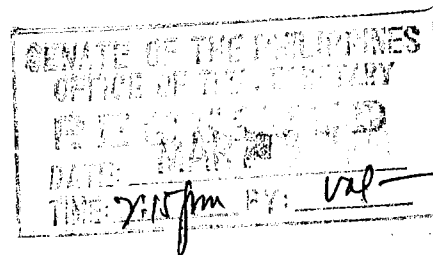
It is one step towards "civilianizing" the police and the coast guard which agencies deal mainly with domestic law enforcement.

Local government and tourism matters are likewise placed under its supervision for economic and administrative efficiency and economy.

Early approval of the bill is earnestly urged.

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AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR.
Senator



SENATE

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AN ACT
CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
PLACING CERTAIN BUREAUS UNDER ITS SUPERVISION AND CONTROL
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. Title of the Act. This Act shall be
2 known as the Department of the Interior Act of 1988.

3 SECTION 2. Purposes. This Act reorganizes the
4 Executive Department by creating the Department of the
5 Interior, hereinafter called the Department, which will
6 have supervision and/or control over certain bureaus of the
7 government as specified in Section 3, hereof for the sake
8 of a more efficient administration of the affairs of the
9 said bureaus.

10 SECTION 3. Organization. (1) There is hereby
11 created within the executive branch of the government, a
12 new department, which shall be called the Department of the
13 Interior which shall have general supervision over local
14 government units and tourism activities and supervision and
15 control over the police forces through the National Police
16 Commission, and over the coast guard.

17 (2) The Department shall have four agencies under its
18 supervision and/or control, namely: the Bureau of Local

1 Governments; the Bureau of Tourism; the National Police
2 Commission and the Bureau of the Coast Guard.
3 (3) The present Department of Local Government is
4 hereby converted into the Bureau of Local Governments,
5 which shall be under the supervision of the Department;
6 (4) The present Department of Tourism is hereby
7 converted into the Bureau of Tourism, which shall also be
8 under the supervision of the Department;
9 (5) The National Police Commission shall retain its
10 present nomenclature and organizational set-up; provided,
11 however, that it shall be under the control and supervision
12 of the Department;
13 (6) The Coast Guard is hereby detached from the Navy
14 and is converted into a Bureau which shall be under the
15 control and supervision of the Department;
16 (7) The bureaus and the commission mentioned above
17 shall be headed by bureau directors and by a chairman,
18 respectively, who shall be appointed by the President with
19 the consent of the Commission on Appointments; and
20 (8) Until Congress provides otherwise, the Bureaus and
21 the Commission referred to above as well as the agencies
22 attached to the present Department of Local Governments,
23 the Department of Tourism, the National Police Commission,
24 and the Coast Guard shall continue to perform the duties
25 and functions which they are now exercising, subject,
26 however, to the provisions of this Act.
27 SECTION 4. Secretary of the Interior. (1) The head
28 of the Department of the Interior shall be the Secretary of
29 the Interior who shall be appointed by the President with
30 the consent of the Commission on Appointments. No person

1 shall be appointed Secretary of the Interior unless he is a
2 lawyer, of good moral character and of sound judgment and
3 probity.

4 (2) The Secretary shall hold office at the pleasure of
5 the President and shall receive the compensation,
6 allowances and other emoluments to which members of the
7 Cabinet are entitled. He shall be assisted by four deputy
8 secretaries and four assistant secretaries who shall be
9 appointed by the President with the consent of the
10 Commission of Appointments.

11 (3) The Secretary may appoint such officers and
12 employees as he may deem necessary, prescribe their duties,
13 and fix their compensations pursuant to law.

14 (4) Powers of the Secretary. The Secretary shall have
15 the following powers and duties:

16 (a) Control, supervise, direct and coordinate
17 in appropriate cases, the over-all
18 operations of the Department;

19 (b) Prepare and submit periodic reports and
20 such other reports as the President may
21 require;

22 (c) Implement and execute the policies,
23 directives and projects formulated and
24 adopted by the President; and

25 (d) Perform such other functions as may be
26 assigned to him by the President or as may
27 be necessary to carry out the purposes of
28 this Act.

29 SECTION 5. Powers and Duties of the Department. The
30 Department, by and through the Secretary or his duly



1 authorized representative shall have the following powers
2 and duties:

3 (a) Assist the President in coordinating the
4 activities and services of those departments, agencies, and
5 units of the government having relationships with local
6 government units, tourism, police forces and the coast
7 guard to the end that the activities and services may be
8 made more effective.

9 (b) Keep the President informed about the problems of
10 the three bureaus and the commission placed under the
11 Department and advise and assist the President in the
12 formulation of policies with respect to the utilization of
13 the resources of the executive branch of government to make
14 the agencies under its supervision and/or control more
15 responsive to the needs of the people.

16 (c) Serve as a clearing house to thresh out problems
17 that obstruct, impede or delay the delivery of the services
18 of the aforementioned four agencies.

19 (d) Make studies and analyses of the problems of the
20 four agencies mentioned above to make them more cost
21 efficient.

22 (e) Do all things necessary or convenient to carry out
23 the functions, powers and duties set forth in this Act and
24 by other laws.

25 SECTION 6. Staff of the Department. The Department
26 shall organize its staff and with the approval of the
27 President may call upon qualified experts in the government
28 service to help in the discharge of its functions and
29 responsibilities.

1 SECTION 7. For purposes of organizing and
2 constituting the Department, and for carrying out the
3 provisions of this Act, the sum of EIGHTY MILLION PESOS OR
4 MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED OUT
5 OF THE FUNDS IN THE NATIONAL TREASURY THAT IS NOT OTHERWISE
6 APPROPRIATED. Thereafter, such amounts as is necessary to
7 carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in
8 the national appropriations act.

9 The unexpended balances of the appropriations and all
10 properties, equipment and facilities of any kind provided
11 by law for the existing Department of Local Governments,
12 the Department of Tourism, the National Police Commission
13 and the Coast Guard shall be transferred without cost to
14 the Bureau of Local Governments, the Bureau of Tourism, the
15 National Police Commission and the Bureau of the Coast
16 Guard as they are constituted and organized under this Act.

17 SECTION 8. Rules and Regulations. The President
18 shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be
19 necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

20 SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. Any law, presidential
21 decree, executive order, rule or regulation contrary to or
22 inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed.

23 SECTION 10. Separability Clause. If any part,
24 section or provision of this Act is held invalid or
25 unconstitutional, the rest of the Act shall not be affected
26 thereby.

27 SECTION 11. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect
28 upon its publication in, at least, two newspapers of
29 general circulation.

30 APPROVED,