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ABLAN AND BUESER, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1692

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEGRATED
REFORMATORY CENTERS FOR METROPOLITAN MANILA
AND OTHER HIGHLY URBANIZED CENTERS IN THE
COUNTRY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION SIXTY-
THREE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990" AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 63 of Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as
2 the "Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990," as
3 amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

4 "SEC. 63. *Establishment of District, City or Municipal*
5 *Jail, AND/OR INTEGRATED REFORMATORY CENTERS FOR*
6 *METROPOLITAN MANILA AND OTHER HIGHLY URBANIZED*

1 *CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY.* – There shall be established and
2 maintained in every district, city and municipality a secured,
3 clean, adequately equipped and sanitary jail for the custody and
4 safekeeping of city and municipal prisoners, any fugitive from
5 justice, or person detained awaiting investigation or trial and/or
6 transfer to the national penitentiary, and/or violent mentally ill
7 person who endangers himself or the safety of others, duly
8 certified as such by the proper medical or health officer, pending
9 the transfer to a mental institution: ***PROVIDED, THAT FOR***
10 **METROPOLITAN MANILA AND OTHER HIGHLY URBANIZED**
11 **CENTERS OF THE COUNTRY, THE JAIL BUREAU MAY**
12 **ESTABLISH INTEGRATED REFORMATORY CENTERS.**

13 **THE INTEGRATED REFORMATORY CENTERS SHALL**
14 **CONSIST OF ALL MUNICIPAL, DISTRICT AND CITY JAILS WITHIN**
15 **METROPOLITAN MANILA AND OTHER HIGHLY URBANIZED**
16 **CENTERS NATIONWIDE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JAIL**
17 **BUREAU AND APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE**
18 **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**
19 **THE EXISTING JAILS IN EACH MUNICIPALITY OR CITY,**
20 **INCLUDING DISTRICT JAILS, WITHIN METROPOLITAN MANILA**
21 **AND OTHER HIGHLY URBANIZED CENTERS OF THE COUNTRY,**
22 **MAY BE ABOLISHED AND THE INMATES THEREIN TRANSFERRED**
23 **TO THE INTEGRATED REFORMATORY CENTERS.**

24 **THERE SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN THE INTEGRATED**
25 **REFORMATORY CENTERS SEPARATE JAILS FOR INMATES**
26 **COMING FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE MUNICIPALITIES OR CITIES**
27 **WITHIN METROPOLITAN MANILA OR THE HIGHLY URBANIZED**
28 **CENTERS, AND THESE SEPARATE JAIL FACILITIES WILL HOUSE**
29 **INMATES ORDERED DETAINED OR ORDERED TO SERVE**

1 SENTENCE THEREAT BY THE COURTS SITTING IN EVERY
2 MUNICIPALITY AND CITY.

3 The municipal or city jail service, INCLUDING THE
4 INTEGRATED REFORMATORY CENTERS, shall preferably be
5 headed by a graduate of a four (4)-year course in psychology,
6 psychiatry, sociology, nursing, social work or criminology who
7 shall assist in the immediate rehabilitation of individuals or
8 detention of prisoners. Great care must be exercised so that the
9 human rights of these prisoners are respected and protected, and
10 their spiritual and physical well-being are properly and promptly
11 attended to.

12 SEC. 2. *Jail Personnel.* – Each separate jail facility within the
13 Integrated Reformatory Center shall have its own jail warden and jail
14 personnel.

15 SEC. 3. *Establishment of Court Rooms.* – The Supreme Court shall
16 establish court rooms in the Integrated Reformatory Centers to serve as venues
17 for judges to hear cases of inmates therein who are sentenced to death or life
18 imprisonment or detained upon legal processes for the commission of any
19 offense punishable by death or life imprisonment, except when the Supreme
20 Court authorizes that judge, upon proper application, to effect the transfer of
21 the said inmate to another venue.

22 SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRRs).* – For purposes of
23 this Act, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, in consultation
24 with the Department of Budget and Management, the Bureau of Jail
25 Management and Penology and the local government units concerned, shall
26 formulate and promulgate the necessary IRRs.

1 SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders and issuances
2 or any part thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act
3 are hereby deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

4 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
5 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two national newspapers of
6 general circulation.

Approved,

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