



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6994

BY REPRESENTATIVES RODRIGUEZ (R.), PRIMICIAS-AGABAS, GO (M.) AND DALIPE, PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 293

AN ACT

MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY TO ADMIT AT LEAST
ONE CADET FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EVERY SCHOOL YEAR TO
COMPRISE ITS FRESHMAN CLASS

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Philippine Merchant Marine Academy (PMMA) is hereby mandated to select
2 at least one student applicant from each of the congressional districts in the Philippines to comprise the
3 freshman cadet class of the school year following the enactment of this Act and thereafter, to ensure that
4 the entire country will be represented in each graduating class: *Provided*, That a cadet must pass the
5 entrance examination and comply with all the admission requirements of the PMMA: *Provided, further*,
6 That for a province where there is only one (1) congressional district, at least three (3) cadets shall be
7 selected therefrom: *Provided, finally*, That only upon determination by the PMMA that there is no
8 qualified applicant from a certain congressional district shall a qualified applicant, irrespective of
9 domicile, be considered for the said slot.

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11 **SEC. 2.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the PMMA shall, in consultation
12 with the Commission on Higher Education and other concerned government agencies, formulate rules and
13 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

14 **SEC. 3.** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or
15 provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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17 **SEC. 4.** All laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letters of instructions, rules
18 or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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20 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or
21 in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,