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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City
EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 6925
(in substitution of House Bill No. 4107)

Introduced by Representatives Rufus B. Rodriguez and Mark O. Go

AN ACT

**MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY (PMMA) TO
SELECT ONE STUDENT APPLICANT FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
EVERY YEAR TO COMPRISE THE INCOMING FRESHMAN CADET CLASS**

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

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

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

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

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18 **SEC. 4.** All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, implementing rules and regulations
19 inconsistent with this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,