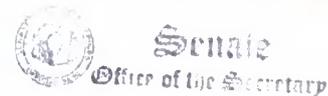


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

National peace and security are vital to the nation's social and economic development with the capacity to further advance innovation, inclusive growth, and ensure the protection of the basic rights of every Filipino by upholding sovereignty and territorial integrity, and support socio-economic development and political stability.

In line with the above mentioned, infrastructure plays a very critical role in upholding and enhancing social and economic development to further augment strategic activities related to national peace and security.

The Department of National Defense (DND) is mandated to maximize its effectiveness of guarding against external and internal threats to national peace and security and provide support for social and economic development, while the Department of Public Works and Highways is the mandated engineering and construction arm of the State.

Hence, the DND-DPWH convergence program on strengthening and expanding military facility readiness for national security and development or "Tatag ng Imprastaktura para sa Kapayapaan at Seguridad" (TIKAS) was launched.

The program promotes the integration of plans and programs of the DND and the DPWH, and facilitates the efficient and more coordinated efforts among the said agencies to identify, prioritize and implement infrastructure projects, in order to enhance the facility capability and readiness of the military.

Since the program's launch, infrastructure development for the military gained momentum and growth.

Thus, in order to establish continuity and consistency, as well as strengthen of the program, the institutionalization of the program is hereby pursued.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Tatag ng  
2 Imprastruktura Para Sa Kapayapaan At Seguridad (TIKAS) Act."

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to provide an efficient  
4 infrastructure system to promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and  
5 sound quality of life for all Filipinos. Further, the Armed Forces of the Philippines is the  
6 protector of the people and the State. The maintenance of peace and order, the  
7 protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are  
8 essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy.

9 Hence, it is imperative that the capability of the Armed Forces of the Philippines  
10 (AFP) be enhanced through providing them with efficient, strategic, and quality  
11 infrastructure, in order for them to more effectively pursue their mandate.

1            *Sec. 3. Institutionalization of the TIKAS Program.* – The Department of National  
2 Defense (DND) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) TIKAS  
3 Convergence Program (The Program) is hereby institutionalized for the purpose of  
4 construction, rehabilitation, upgrading and improvement of roads and bridges, and  
5 other infrastructure projects jointly identified by the DND and the DPWH based on  
6 technical criteria and priority areas, in order to enhance the facility capability and  
7 readiness of the military in providing an environment of security conducive for national  
8 development and overall increase in the quality of life.

9            The DND shall identify and prioritize infrastructure projects that will strengthen  
10 and/or expand military facility readiness for national security and development.

11           The DND and the DPWH shall develop the criteria for the identification and  
12 prioritization of infrastructure support to the priority areas.

13           The DND Undersecretary for Civil, Veterans and Retirees Affairs and the DPWH  
14 Undersecretary for Planning and PPP shall provide policy guidelines and supervision to  
15 the Program.

16           *Sec. 4. Creation of the TIKAS Central Technical Working Group.* – The TIKAS  
17 Central Technical Working Group (CTWG) is hereby established to assist the DND and  
18 the DPWH in its responsibilities under the Program.

19           The CTWG shall be organized by the DND and the DPWH.

20           The CTWG shall be co-chaired by the Director of the Office of the Assistant  
21 Secretary for Plans and Programs of the DND and the Director for Planning Service of  
22 the DPWH.

23           *Sec. 5. Duties and Responsibilities of the TIKAS CTWG.* –

24           A. Draft, finalize, and follow the process flow for the evaluation of  
25 proposed infrastructure projects of TIKAS;

- 1 B. Validate the draft priority list of infrastructure projects in support of the
- 2 infrastructure development under TIKAS;
- 3 C. Undertake an annual review and propose amendments or revisions,
- 4 should there be any, to the project prioritization criteria and the process
- 5 flow;
- 6 D. Seek technical assistance of relevant experts and consultants; and
- 7 E. Organize a Secretariat to the CTWG who shall:
  - 8 1. Compile the necessary guidelines of the DND and the DPWH related
  - 9 to the Program;
  - 10 2. Collect all the submitted proposals for the Program and their related
  - 11 documentary support;
  - 12 3. Document meetings, activities, and outputs of the CTWG;
  - 13 4. Conduct regular monitoring and reporting to the Chairpersons of
  - 14 the CTWG;
  - 15 5. Prepare reports and proposals of the CTWG; and
  - 16 6. Conduct full-time research assistance to deliver the required work.

17 Sec. 6. *Sub-National Technical Working Groups.* – TIKAS Sub-National  
18 Technical Working Groups (STWGs) shall also be established.

19 *Sec. 7. STWG Composition.* –

- 20 A. STWGs shall be composed of one Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)
- 21 – Unified Command (UC) and the component DPWH Regional Office
- 22 (RO) covered by the UC area of operations;
- 23 B. Each STWG shall be co-chaired by the UC Commander and the DPWH
- 24 Regional Director concerned; and
- 25 C. The UC Commander shall determine his/her support staff and the
- 26 DPWH RDs shall determine the division chiefs, technical staff, and
- 27 administrative staff who will support them.

28 *Sec. 8. STWG Responsibilities.* –

- 1           A. The STWG may initiate and shall review and validate proposed  
2           infrastructure projects in their area commands for submission to the  
3           CTWG;
- 4           B. The STWG shall respond to requests for information and validation for  
5           projects generated by the Central Offices of the DND and DPWH, by  
6           providing complete staff work in relation to the criteria and  
7           documentary requirements for approving TIKAS projects;
- 8           C. The STWG shall submit to the CTWG, regular status reports of approved  
9           projects in their areas of responsibility.

10       Sec. 9. *Duties and Responsibilities of the DND.* –

- 11           A. Share with the CTWG the relevant data and materials regarding the  
12           construction of roads and other infrastructure, excluding classified  
13           information on defense and security;
- 14           B. Consolidate the inventory of pertinent data solely related to the  
15           construction of roads and other infrastructure, excluding classified  
16           information on defense and security; and
- 17           C. Provide the CTWG a copies of studies, proposals, guidelines, and other  
18           similar relevant materials on national security development and other  
19           developing security infrastructure.

20       Sec. 10. *Duties and Responsibilities of the DPWH.* –

- 21           A. Share with the CTWG the relevant data and materials on infrastructure  
22           relating to national defense and security, excluding classified  
23           information on defense and security, including technical planning and  
24           implementation, standards and guidelines, for the purpose of having a  
25           more detailed and objective evaluation of project proposals and report  
26           preparation;
- 27           B. Share with the DND members of the CTWG the applicable infrastructure  
28           planning systems, programs, budget, and databases;

- 1 C. Provide the CTWG a copies of studies, proposals, guidelines, and other  
2 similar relevant materials on road infrastructure and other forms of  
3 infrastructure; and  
4 D. Consolidate the inventory of DPWH-related data, as may be requested  
5 by the CTWG.

6 Sec. 11. The DND and the DPWH shall allocate the necessary logistical and  
7 workforce requirements to achieve the purposes of the Program.

8 Sec. 12. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DND and the DPWH shall  
9 promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this  
10 Act within three ninety (90) days from its effectivity.

11 Sec. 13. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this  
12 Act shall be included in the respective budgets of the DND and the DPWH in the  
13 General Appropriations Act.

14 Sec. 14. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared  
15 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall  
16 remain in force and effect.

17 Sec. 15. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
18 order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this  
19 Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

20 Sec. 16. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following  
21 its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,