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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Various news polls, surveys, news reports and studies have shown that the "peace and order" situation is one of the public's main concerns. Simply put, people are worried of their own safety and more importantly, for the safety of their families and loved ones.

There is thus a compelling need to upgrade and strengthen law enforcement agencies and enhance public safety services.

Specifically, we need to ensure a more effective administration of criminal justice. We must therefore provide the Philippine National Police (PNP), a continuing pool of criminology graduates, professional criminologist and criminology experts who have complied with existing policies and standards in their respective fields of expertise established by the Government through the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

This measure seeks to respond to the abovementioned needs by amending Republic Act 6975, also known as the "Department of Interior and Local Government Act of 1990", as amended.

Hopefully, by enacting this amendment, we will be encouraging institutions of higher education to supplement the training programs of the PNP Academy and provide PNP with additional recruitment candidates who are ready to contribute to our police force.

This proposed Act provides that **graduates of criminology from any Philippine school of criminology duly recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall be allowed to enlist or be appointed as member of the Philippine National Police with a rank of at least Police Officer 1 without the need of taking the qualifying examination.**

Also, with regard to lateral entry of officers into the PNP, it is provided that original appointments of commissioned officers shall commence with the rank of Inspector, to include all those with highly technical qualifications applying for the PNP technical services and **the measure includes or adds into the category,**

Psychologists, Computer Programmers, Accountants and other Baccalaureate degree holders. This is as long as provided that they pass the required examinations which shall entitle them to practice their respective professions.

With this proposed law, we can thus achieve our long-held goal of being able to provide additional options to the PNP on developing its human resources. We hope the result will be more efficient and effective services in the fields of criminal justice system administration, public security, safety administration and law enforcement.

For the said reasons, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly urged.



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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 8551

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

SECTION 1. Section 32 of Republic Act No. 6975 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 32. *Examination of Policemen.* - The National Police Commission shall administer the entrance and promotional examinations for policemen on the basis of the standards set by the Commission. **PROVIDED THAT GRADUATES OF CRIMINOLOGY FROM ANY PHILIPPINE SCHOOL OF CRIMINOLOGY DULY RECOGNIZED BY THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ENLIST OR BE APPOINTED AS MEMBER OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE WITH A RANK OF AT LEAST POLICE OFFICER 1 WITHOUT THE NEED OF TAKING THE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION.**

SECTION 2. Section 33 of Republic Act No. 6975 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 33. *Lateral Entry of Officers into the PNP.* - In general, all original appointments of commissioned officers in the PNP shall commence with the rank of Inspector, to include all those with highly technical qualifications applying for the PNP

technical services, such as dentists, optometrists, nurses, engineers, and graduates of forensic sciences, **PSYCHOLOGISTS, COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS, ACCOUNTANTS AND OTHER BACCALAURETTE DEGREE HOLDERS.** Doctors of medicine, members of the Bars, and chaplains shall be appointed to the rank of senior inspector in their particular technical service, **PROVIDED THEY PASSED THE REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS WHICH SHALL ENTITLE THEM TO PRACTICE THEIR RESPECTIVE PROFESSIONS.** Graduates of the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) shall be automatically appointed to the initial rank of inspector. Licensed criminologists may be appointed to the rank of inspector to fill up any vacancy after promotions from the ranks are completed **OR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS ARE CREATED BY THE EXIGENCIES OF THE SERVICE.**

SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree, issuance, order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,