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# COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 247

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization on FEB 2 3 2009 .

Re: S. No. 3085, prepared jointly by the Committees.

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 2979 and 3033.

Sponsors: Senators Honasan, Lacson and Villar

## MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization to which were referred Senate Bill No. 2979, introduced by Senator Honasan, entitled:

#### "AN ACT

ADJUSTING THE REQUIREMENT ON EDUCATION AND FOR PROMOTION IN THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP) AND BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP) AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 9263 ALSO KNOWN AS THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY PROFESSIONALIZATION ACT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES":

and Senate Bill No. 3033, introduced by Senator Villar, entitled:

## "AN ACT

EXTENDING THE REQUIRED PERIOD FOR THE SATISFACTION OF THE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP) AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP) AMENDING SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE BFP AND BJMP PROFESSIONALIZATION ACT OF 2004' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. 3085, prepared jointly by the Committees, entitled:

## "AN ACT

EXTENDING FOR FIVE (5) YEARS THE REGLEMENTARY PERIOD WITH **MINIMUM COMPLYING EDUCATIONAL** THE **OUALIFICATION** AND APPROPRIATE **ELIGIBILITY** APPOINTMENT TO THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP) AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. **OTHERWISE** AS 'THE **BFP** AND **KNOWN BJMP** FOR PROFESSIONALIZATION **ACT** OF 2004 AND **OTHER** PURPOSES";

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 2979 and 3033, with Senators Honasan, Villar and Lacson as authors.

## Respectfully submitted,

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## **AN ACT**

EXTENDING FOR FIVE (5) YEARS THE REGLEMENTARY PERIOD FOR COMPLYING WITH THE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AND APPROPRIATE ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP) AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE BFP AND BJMP PROFESSIONALIZATION ACT OF 2004" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9263 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "Sec. 4. Professionalization and Upgrading of Qualification Standards in the Appointment of Uniformed Personnel to the BFP and the BJMP. No person shall be appointed as uniformed personnel of the BFP and the BJMP unless he/she possesses the following minimum qualifications:
  - a) A citizen of the Republic of the Philippines;
  - b) A person of good moral character;

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- c) Must have passed the psychiatric/psychological, drug and physical tests for the purpose of determining his/her physical and mental health;
- d) Must possess a baccalaureate degree from a recognized institution of learning;
  - e) Must possess the appropriate civil service eligibility;
- f) Must not have been dishonorably discharged or dismissed for cause from previous employment;

g) Must not have been convicted by final judgment of an offense or crime involving moral turpitude;

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- h) Must be at least one meter and sixty-two centimeters (1.62 m.) in height for male, and one meter and fifty-seven centimeters (1.57 m.) for female: *Provided*, That a waiver for height and age requirements shall be automatically granted to applicants belonging to the cultural communities; and
- i) Must weigh not more or less than five kilograms (5 kgs.) from the standard weight corresponding to his/her height, age and sex;

Provided. That a new applicant must not be less than twentyone (21) or more than thirty (30) years of age: except for this particular provision, the above-enumerated qualifications shall be continuing in character and an absence of any one of them at any given time shall be ground for separation or retirement from the service: Provided, further, That the uniformed personnel who are already in the service [upon] PRIOR TO the effectivity of [this Act] REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263 shall be given ANOTHER five (5) years to obtain the minimum educational qualification AND APPROPRIATE CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY TO BE RECKONED FROM THE DATE OF THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT: PROVIDED, FURTHERMORE, THAT FOR CONCERNED BFP AND BJMP MEMBERS RENDERING MORE THAN FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OF SERVICE SHALL NO TO COMPLY **WITH** LONGER BE **REQUIRED** THE **AFOREMENTIONED EDUCATIONAL** AND **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS** [and one (1) year to satisfy the weight requirement].

After the lapse of the time period for the satisfaction of a specific requirement, current uniformed personnel of the BFP and the BJMP who will fail to satisfy any of the requirements enumerated under this Section shall be separated from the service if they are below fifty (50) years of age and have served in the government for less than twenty (20) years, or retired if they are from age fifty (50) and above and have served in the government for at least twenty (20) years without prejudice in either case to the payment of benefits they may be entitled to under existing laws."

SEC. 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the BFP, the BJMP, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC),

- shall promulgate within sixty (60) days the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
- SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause*. This Act shall take effect upon its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.
- 8 Approved,