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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Bachelor of Science in Criminology remains to three in terms of the number of board examinees each year. Graduates of the course end up providing services in the fields of law enforcement, criminal justice system administration, public safety and safety administration, and correction and jail management.

The state recognizes the vital role that the criminology profession play in nation-building and development. The recognition of the importance of the profession expresses the high regard for our country in the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and property, and the promotion of the general welfare of the nation.

It can't be regarded however, that there are people in the criminology profession who have tainted the values espoused by their profession. Young police officers, oftentimes, violate the laws they have sworn to abide and enforce. There is therefore a need to amend the law governing the criminology profession.

This bill seeks to establish a Board under the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) professionalizing the practice of criminology. It shall also institute mechanisms to guarantee the fitness of individuals engaged in the criminology profession. It is hoped that this measure will ensure that Filipinos who are in the criminology profession will be able to provide efficient and excellent service which is world class and globally competitive.

In view of the foregoing, early 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:*

**ARTICLE I  
TITLE, POLICY, OBJECTIVES, TERMS AND PRACTICE**

**SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as "*The Philippine Criminology Profession Act of 2016*".

**SEC. 2. Statement of Policy.** – The State recognizes the importance of criminology profession in national security, public safety, peace and order, and in nation-building and development. Hence, it shall develop and nurture competent, virtuous, productive and well-rounded criminologists whose standards of professional practice and service shall be excellent, qualitative, world-class and globally competitive through sacred, honest, effective and credible licensure examinations, coupled with programs and activities that would promote professional growth and development.

**SEC. 3. Objectives.** – This Act shall govern:

- (a) The examination, registration and licensure for criminologists;

1 (b) The supervision, control and regulation of the practice of criminology;

2 (c) The standardization and regulation of criminology education;

3 (d) The development of the professional competence of criminologists through  
4 Continuing Professional Development (CPD); and

5 (e) The integration of all criminology professional groups, and membership  
6 of all registered criminologists to the accredited professional organization.

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8 **SEC. 4. *Definition of Terms.*** – As used in this Act, the following terms shall be  
9 defined as follows:

10 (a) *APO* - refers to the Accredited Professional Organization of  
11 criminologists, that the Professional Regulatory Board of Criminology created  
12 hereunder and, hereinafter referred to as the Board, as the one and only recognized  
13 and accredited integrated national organization of criminologists, subject to the  
14 approval of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) hereinafter referred to as  
15 the Commission created under Republic Act No. 8981, otherwise known as the “PRC  
16 Modernization Act of 2000”.

17 (b) *BOARD* - refers to the Professional Regulatory Board of Criminology  
18 created hereunder.

19 (c) *CHED* – refers to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) created  
20 under Republic Act No. 7722 otherwise known as “Higher Education Act of 1994”, in  
21 the formulation of policy standards, and monitoring of the criminology education in  
22 the country, which shall be assisted by the *Criminology Technical Panel* composed of  
23 the president of the APO, Chairperson of the Board of Criminology, one from the  
24 academe, and two from the Law Enforcement agencies.

25 (d) *Commission* – refers to Professional Regulation Commission (PRC)  
26 hereinafter referred to as the Commission created under Republic Act No. 8981,  
27 otherwise known as the “PRC Modernization Act of 2000”.

1 (e) *Criminology* - refers to the scientific study of crimes, criminals, and  
2 victims, it also deals with the prevention, and solution of crimes.

3 (f) *Profession* - refers to the art and science in the practice of criminology  
4 discipline.

5 (g) *Registered Criminologist* - refers to a natural person who holds a valid  
6 certificate of registration and an updated professional identification card as  
7 criminologist issued by the Board and the Commission pursuant to this Act.

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9 **SEC. 5. Scope of Practice.** – The practice of criminology shall include, but shall not  
10 be limited to, acts or activities performed:

11 (a) In line with the practice of profession or occupation as a law enforcement  
12 administrator, executive, adviser, consultant, officer, investigator, agent or employee  
13 in any private or government agencies performing law enforcement and quasi-police  
14 functions at the Philippine National Police (PNP), the National Bureau of  
15 Investigation (NBI), the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), the Bureau of  
16 Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Provincial  
17 Jail, Bureau of Corrections (BUCOR), Probation and Parole Administration (PPA),  
18 the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), the Bureau of Customs (BoC), the Bangko  
19 Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), other government and private banks, the Philippine Postal  
20 Corporation (PPC), the Sea and Air Marshalls, the VIP Security, Airport and Seaport  
21 Police, the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), the Intelligence  
22 Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP), and other intelligence  
23 service or agencies of the government exercising similar functions;

24 (b) In line with the practice of teaching profession such as those performed by  
25 a professor, instructor or teacher in any university, college or school duly recognized  
26 by the government of any of the following professional and component subjects of the  
27 criminology program:(1) Criminal Jurisprudence and Procedure; (2) Criminalistics;  
28 (3) Law Enforcement Administration; (4) Crime Detection and Investigation; (5)  
29 Correctional Administration; and (6) Criminal Sociology and Ethics, and other  
30 technical and specialized subjects in the criminology curriculum provided by the  
31 Commission on Higher Education (CHED);

1 (c) As a technician, examiner/criminalist, or specialist in dactyloscopy,  
2 questioned document, deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), lie detection, firearms  
3 identification, forensic photography, forensic chemistry and other scientific crime  
4 detection and investigation;

5 (d) As a correctional administrator, executive, supervisor, or officer in any  
6 rehabilitation, correctional, and penal institution or facility, and in any community-  
7 based corrections, and rehabilitation agencies and/or programs;

8 (e) As a counsellor, consultant, adviser or researcher in any government or  
9 private agency on any aspect of criminological research or project involving the  
10 causes of crime, children in conflict with the law, treatment of offenders, police  
11 operations, law enforcement administration, scientific criminal investigation or public  
12 safety and national security administration; and

13 (f) As a private investigator, administrator, consultant or agent, or detective in  
14 any private security and investigation agency organized under the laws of the  
15 Philippines.

16 The Board, in consultation with the APO and the Academe, subject to the approval of  
17 the Commission, may revise, exclude from or add to the above enumerated acts or activities  
18 as the need arises to conform with the latest trends in the practice of criminology in the  
19 country.

## 20 ARTICLE II

### 21 PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD FOR CRIMINOLOGISTS

22 **SEC. 6. *Creation and Composition of the Professional Regulatory Board for***  
23 ***Criminologists.*** – There is hereby created a Professional Regulatory Board for  
24 Criminologists, a collegial body under the administrative supervision and control of the  
25 Commission, to be composed of a Chairperson and four (4) members appointed by the  
26 President of the Philippines from a list of three (3) recommendees for each position, chosen  
27 and ranked by the Commission from a list of three (3) nominees for every position indorsed  
28 by the accredited professional organization. The new Board shall be organized not later than  
29 six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act.

1           **SEC. 7. *Qualifications of the Chairperson and Members of the Board.*** – The  
2 Chairperson and each member shall, at the time of their appointment, possess all these  
3 qualifications:

- 4           (a) Must be a natural-born Filipino citizen and a resident of the Philippines;
- 5           (b) Must be of good moral character, good reputation and of sound mind and body;
- 6           (c) Not convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of any offense involving moral  
7           turpitude;
- 8           (d) Must be a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Criminology, and a holder of a Post-  
9           Graduate Degree in Criminology or a Lawyer in any reputable school recognized  
10           by CHED;
- 11           (e) Must be a registered criminologist with a valid certificate of registration and a  
12           valid professional identification card, having at least ten (10) years of practice in  
13           the profession prior to the appointment including no less than two (2)-years  
14           teaching experience of criminology or law subjects in full-time or part-time  
15           capacity in the college of criminology or college of law recognized by the  
16           government through the CHED;
- 17           (f) Must be a member in good standing of the APO but not an officer or trustee  
18           thereof; and
- 19           (g) Must not be a member of the faculty of any school, college or university where a  
20           regular class or review course in criminology is offered, nor a member of the staff  
21           of reviewers in a review school or center, and must not have any direct or indirect  
22           pecuniary interest in any such institution.

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24           **SEC. 8. *Term of Office.*** – The Chairperson and members of the Board shall hold  
25 office for a term of three (3) years from the date of appointment or until their successors shall  
26 have been qualified and appointed. They may be reappointed to the same office for another  
27 term of three (3) years immediately after the expiry of their term: *Provided*, That the holding  
28 of such position shall not be more than two (2) terms nor more than six (6) years, whichever  
29 is longer: *Provided, further*, That the first Board under this Act shall hold these terms of

1 office: the Chairperson for three (3) years, the first two members for two (2) years, and the  
2 second two (2) members for one (1) year: *Provided, furthermore,* That any appointee to a  
3 vacancy with an unexpired period shall only serve such period. The Chairperson and the  
4 members shall duly take their oath of office.

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6 **SEC. 9. Compensation, Allowances and Other Benefits.** – The Chairperson and  
7 members of the Board shall receive compensation, allowances and other benefits comparable  
8 to that being received by the Chairpersons and members of other Professional Regulatory  
9 Boards under the Commission as provided for under Section 10 of Republic Act No. 8981  
10 and other existing laws.

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12 **SEC. 10. Powers, Functions, Duties and Responsibilities of the Board.** – The Board  
13 shall exercise executive, administrative, rule-making and quasi-judicial powers in carrying  
14 out the provisions of this Act. It shall be vested with the following specific powers, functions,  
15 duties and responsibilities:

- 16 (a) To administer, supervise, and monitor in the conduct of the licensure  
17 examination, registration, membership in the APO and the practice of  
18 criminology in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- 19 (b) Shall receive complaints and decided the matter as to the malpractices and  
20 unethical conduct in the practice of the criminology profession;
- 21 (c) To promulgate and issue rules and regulations implementing the provisions of  
22 this Act;
- 23 (d) To promulgate and adopt Code of Ethics and Code of Good Governance for the  
24 practice of criminology;
- 25 (e) To adopt an official seal of the Board;
- 26 (f) To prescribe and promulgate guidelines on the conduct of a CPD program for  
27 criminologists in consultation with the APO ;

- 1 (g) To promulgate, adopt or amend the syllabi and tables of specifications of the  
2 subjects for the licensure examination/s in consultation with the APO, the  
3 academe, and the CHED Technical Panel for Criminology, prepare questions for  
4 the licensure examination which shall strictly be within the scope of the syllabi  
5 of the subjects for examination, as well as administer and correct, and release the  
6 results of the licensure examinations;
- 7 (h) To issue, suspend, revoke or reinstate the certificate of registration of the  
8 registered criminologist or cancel temporary or special permit granted to foreign  
9 criminologist;
- 10 (i) To administer oaths in the performance of its functions such as, but not limited  
11 to, the oath of a professional to successful examinees in licensure examination  
12 for criminologist together with the APO in an appropriate mass oath-taking  
13 ceremony to be held for the purpose;
- 14 (j) To monitor the conditions affecting the practice of criminology and whenever  
15 necessary, adopt such measure as may be deemed proper for the enhancement of  
16 the profession and the maintenance of high professional, ethical and technical  
17 standards; for this purpose, the members of the Board, duly authorized by the  
18 Commission, may conduct ocular inspection of establishments where  
19 criminology is practiced, and recommend sanction as it may deem proper to the  
20 appropriate government agency concern;
- 21 (k) To monitor all colleges and universities offering criminology program and  
22 recommend sanctions to CHED or to other authorized government offices, for  
23 non-compliance with the policies, standards, and requirements as to faculty  
24 qualifications, laboratory, library, facilities and equipment, research out-puts,  
25 curriculum and administration of the criminology education.
- 26 (l) To hear and investigate cases on violations of this Act, its implementing rules  
27 and regulations (IRR), the Code of Ethics, the Code of Good  
28 Governance and other policies, and for this purpose, to issue summons,  
29 subpoena *ad testificandum* and subpoena *duces tecum* to alleged  
30 violators and/or witnesses to compel their attendance in such hearings or



1 investigations and the production of documents in connection  
2 therewith;

3 (m) To delegate to the Commission the hearing or investigation of cases  
4 against the alleged violators: *Provided*, That the hearing or investigation of  
5 cases wherein the issue or question involved strictly concerns the technical  
6 practice of criminology shall be presided over by at least one (1) member of  
7 the Board assisted by a Legal or Hearing Officer of the  
8 Commission;

9 (n) To recommend to the Commission the endorsement of cases involving  
10 criminal violations of this Act, its IRR, and other laws to the Prosecution  
11 Office or appropriate government agency, for investigation and appropriate  
12 action;

13 (o) To disqualify applicants for the licensure examination who has been previously  
14 convicted of a crime with finality involving moral turpitude. Hear and decide  
15 administrative cases against the examinees or registered criminologists if they  
16 have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude: *Provided*, That if they  
17 are found guilty, the Board shall cancel their examination papers and/or  
18 preclude them from taking another licensure examination, or to revoke/suspend  
19 their certificates of registration and cause the surrender of their  
20 professional identification card subject to the rules and regulation of the PRC:  
21 *Provided, further*, That the decision of the Board shall, unless appealed to the  
22 Commission, become final and executory after fifteen (15) days from receipt of  
23 notice of judgment or decision;

24 (p) To conduct, through the Legal or Hearing Officers, summary Proceedings  
25 against the examinees who commit violations of this Act, its IRR, any of the  
26 Codes aforementioned, including violation of the General Instructions to  
27 Examinees, and to render summary judgment thereon which shall, unless  
28 appealed to the Commission, become final and executory after fifteen (15) days  
29 from receipt of notice of judgment or decision;

30 (q) To prepare an annual report of accomplishments on programs, projects and  
31 activities of the Board for submission to the Commission after the close of each

1 calendar year and make appropriate recommendations to the Commission on  
2 issues or problems affecting the criminology profession; and

- 3 (r) ) To exercise such other powers as may be provided by law as well as those  
4 which may be implied from, or which are incidental or necessary to the effective  
5 carrying out of the express powers granted to the Board to achieve the objectives  
6 and purposes of this Act. The resolutions, rules and regulations and other  
7 policies issued and promulgated by the Board shall be subject for review and  
8 approval by the Commission. However, the Board's decisions, resolutions or  
9 orders rendered in an administrative case shall be subject to review only if on  
10 appeal.

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12 **SEC. 11. *Grounds for Removal or Suspension of Board Chairperson/Member.*** –

13 The President of the Philippines, upon the recommendation of the Commission, after due  
14 process and administrative investigation conducted by the Commission, may remove or  
15 suspend the Chairperson or member of the Board on any of the following grounds:

- 16 (a) Gross neglect, incompetence or dishonesty in the discharge of one's duty;
- 17 (b) Commission of any of the causes/grounds and the prohibited acts provided in this  
18 Act and the offenses in the Revised Penal Code, the Anti-Graft and Corrupt  
19 Practices Act, and other laws;
- 20 (c) Manipulation or rigging of the results in the licensure examination for  
21 criminologists, disclosure of secret and confidential information on the  
22 examination questions prior to the conduct thereof, or tampering of grades; and
- 23 (d) Conviction with final judgment of any crime involving moral turpitude. The  
24 Commission, in the conduct of the investigation, shall be guided by Section 7(s)  
25 of Republic Act No. 8981, the rules on administrative investigation, and the  
26 applicable provisions of the New Rules of Court.

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28 **SEC. 12. *Administrative Supervision of the Board; Provision of Support Services.*** –

29 The Board shall be under the administrative supervision of the Commission. The

1 Commission shall keep all records of the Board including applications for examination,  
2 examination papers and results, minutes of deliberation and administrative cases. The  
3 Commission shall designate the Secretary of the Board and shall provide the other support  
4 services to the Board in order to implement the provisions of this Act.

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6 **ARTICLE III**  
7 **EXAMINATION, REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE**

8 **SEC. 13. *Passing of Licensure Examination Requirements.*** – Except as otherwise  
9 specifically allowed under this Act, applicants for registration for the practice of criminology  
10 shall be required to pass a licensure examination as provided for in this Act, in such places  
11 and dates as the Commission may designate in the Resolution thereof on the Master  
12 Schedules for all licensure examinations in accordance with Section 7(d) of Republic Act No.  
13 8981.

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15 **SEC. 14. *Qualifications of an Applicant for the Licensure Examination.*** – An  
16 applicant for the licensure examination for criminologist shall satisfactorily prove that one  
17 possesses the following qualifications:

- 18 (a) Must be a citizen of the Philippines or a foreign citizen whose country/state has  
19 reciprocity with the Philippines in the practice of criminology;
- 20 (b) Must be of good moral character, good reputation and of sound mind and body  
21 certified by the school where he graduated and the barangay where he lives,  
22 unless the examinee is a foreign national a certification from any professional of  
23 good standing will do;
- 24 (c) Must hold a bachelor's degree in criminology duly accredited by the CHED and  
25 conferred by a school/college/university duly authorized by the government or its  
26 equivalent degree obtained by either a Filipino or foreign citizen from an  
27 institution of learning in a foreign country/state: *Provided*, That it is duly  
28 recognized and/or accredited by the CHED;
- 29 (d) Must not have been convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude by a court  
30 of competent jurisdiction; and

1 (e) Those who failed five (5) times whether consecutive or cumulative in the  
2 criminologist licensure examination, must present a certification issued by a  
3 reputable institution duly recognized by CHED that such applicant have  
4 satisfactorily completed a refresher course in criminology.

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6 **SEC. 15. *Subjects for Licensure Examination.*** – The licensure examination for  
7 criminologists shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

8 **SUBJECTS RELATIVE WEIGHTS**

9 **(a) CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE AND PROCEDURE:**

10 Criminal Law (Book I); Criminal Law (Book II); Related  
11 Special Penal Laws; Criminal Procedure; Evidence;  
12 Court Testimony.....20%

13  
14 **(b) LAW ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION:**

15 Police Organization and Administration,  
16 Police Planning; Police Patrol Operations,  
17 Police Communication System; Police Intelligence;  
18 Police Personnel and Records Management;  
19 Comparative Police Systems;  
20 Industrial Security Management. ....20%

21 **(c) CRIME DETECTION AND INVESTIGATION:**

22 Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation;  
23 Special Crime, Organized Crime Investigation;  
24 Fire Technology and Arson Investigation;

1 Traffic Management and Accident  
 2 Investigation; Drug Education and Investigation;  
 3 Vice Control .....15%

4 **(d) CRIMINALISTICS:**  
 5 Forensic Photography; Personal Identification;  
 6 Forensic Medicine; Polygraphy; Examination;  
 7 Forensic Ballistics; Questioned Documents.....20%

8 **(e) CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION:**  
 9 Institutional Corrections; Non-Institutional  
 10 Corrections .....10%

11 **(f) CRIMINAL SOCIOLOGY:**  
 12 Introduction to Criminology and Psychology of Crimes;  
 13 Philippine Criminal Justice System; Ethics and Values;  
 14 Juvenile Delinquency and Crime Prevention;  
 15 Human Behavior and Crisis Management;  
 16 Criminological Research and Statistics .....15%

17 The Board, in consultation with the APO and the academe and subject to the approval  
 18 of the Commission, may revise or exclude any of the subjects with their corresponding  
 19 ratings and their syllabi, and add new ones as the need arises to conform with technological  
 20 changes brought about by developing trends in the profession,

21 However, the Board may change or revise any of the above subjects in the event the  
 22 Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall correspondingly change the curriculum  
 23 prescribed for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Criminology.

1 In the conduct of the examination, the Board, in its discretion, may give practical and field  
2 examinations in each subject, as it may deem fit.

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4 **SEC. 16. *Persons to Teach Subjects for Licensure Examination.*** – All subjects for  
5 the licensure examination shall be taught by a registered criminologist who is a holder of a  
6 valid certificate of registration and updated professional identification card for criminologist,  
7 APO membership, and CPD required units earned, and meet other CHED requirements.  
8 Allied fields in Criminology may also be allowed to teach as it may deemed proper.

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10 **SEC. 17. *Rating in the Licensure Examination.*** – To pass the licensure examination  
11 for criminologist, a candidate must obtain a weighted average rating of seventy-five percent  
12 (75%) with no grade less than sixty percent (60%) in any given subject. In case the examinee  
13 obtains a weighted average rating of seventy-five percent (75%) but, has a grade below sixty  
14 percent (60%) in any of the subjects, the result of the examinee shall be deferred, and be  
15 required to retake that particular subject/s. The deferred examinee shall only be allowed to re-  
16 take once within two (2) years from the date of the examination, and shall be required to  
17 obtain a grade not lower than eighty percent (80%) on the subject, to be considered to have  
18 passed the licensure examination. If the examinee failed to retake after the lapse of two years  
19 or failed to get the passing mark of 80%, the examinee shall retake all the board subjects.

20 Any examinee who failed three (3) or more board subjects shall be deemed to have  
21 failed the board examination.

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23 **SEC. 18. *Report of Rating.*** – The Board shall submit to the Commission the ratings  
24 obtained by the candidates not later than ten (10) days after the last day of the examination,  
25 unless the period is extended for a valid cause.

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27 **SEC. 19. *Oath.*** – All successful candidates of the licensure examination shall take  
28 their oath of profession in person before the Board or any of its members, and with the APO  
29 in an oath-taking ceremony held for such purpose. Any person authorized by law may

1 administer oath to any successful examinees only upon membership of the APO prior to  
2 entering the practice of the profession.

3 **SEC. 20. *Issuance of Certificate of Registration and Professional Identification***

4 **Card.** – A certificate of registration shall be issued to those who shall register, subject to  
5 payment of fees prescribed by the Commission. It shall bear the signatures of the Chairperson  
6 and the Commissioners of the Commission and the Chairperson and members of the Board,  
7 stamped with the official seal of the Commission and of the Board, certifying that the person  
8 named therein is entitled to practice the criminology profession with all the privileges  
9 appurtenant thereto. It shall remain in full force and effect until withdrawn, suspended or  
10 revoked in accordance with this Act.

11 A professional identification card bearing the registration number and date, its  
12 validity, and expiry duly signed by the Chairperson of the Commission shall likewise be  
13 issued to every registrant who has paid the prescribed fee. It shall be reissued after every  
14 three (3) years upon payment of the prescribed fees, prescribed units earned in the continuing  
15 professional development (CPD), and certified by the APO as active member.

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17 **SEC. 21. *Refusal to Issue Certificate of Registration and Professional***

18 **Identification Card or Temporary/Special Permit .** – The Board shall not register any  
19 successful applicant for registration who has been:

20 (a) Convicted with finality of a crime involving moral turpitude by a court of  
21 competent jurisdiction;

22 (b) Found guilty of immoral or dishonorable conduct by the Board;

23 (c) Summarily adjudged guilty for violation of the General Instruction to  
24 Examinees by the Board; and

25 (d) Declared of unsound mind by a court of competent jurisdiction. In refusing  
26 such registration, the Board shall give the applicant a written statement setting  
27 forth the reasons thereof and shall file a copy in its records.

1           **SEC. 22. Revocation or Suspension of the Certificate of Registration and**  
2 **Cancellation of Temporary/Special Permit.** – The Board shall have the power, upon notice  
3 and hearing, to revoke or suspend the certificate of registration of a registered criminologist  
4 or to cancel a temporary/special permit granted to foreign criminologist for the commission  
5 of any of the following acts:

6           (a) Violation of any provision of this Act, its IRR; the Code of Ethics, the Code of  
7           Good Governance, or policy of the Board and/or the Commission;

8           (b) Conviction of a crime with finality involving moral turpitude;

9           (c) Perpetration or use of fraud in obtaining one's certificate of registration,  
10           professional identification card or temporary/special permit;

11           (d) Gross incompetence, negligence or ignorance resulting to death or injury of a  
12           person, or damage to property;

13           (e) Nonrenewal of the professional identification card for a period of six years (6  
14           years) with the PRC without justifiable cause;

15           (f) Aiding or abetting the illegal practice of a non-registered criminologist by  
16           allowing the use of one's certificate of registration and/or professional  
17           identification card or temporary/special permit;

18           (g) Illegally practicing the profession during the suspension from the practice  
19           thereof;

20           (h) Addiction to drugs or alcohol impairing one's ability to practice the profession or  
21           a declaration by a court of competent jurisdiction that the registrant is of unsound  
22           mind; and

23           (i) Non-compliance with the CPD and APO requirements, unless one is exempted  
24           therefrom, for the renewal of the professional identification card. The Board shall  
25           periodically evaluate the aforementioned grounds and revise or exclude or add  
26           new ones as the need arises subject to approval by the Commission.

27           Any person, firm or association may file charge/s in accordance with the provision of  
28           this section against any registrant, and the Board may investigate commission of any of the



1 abovementioned causes. Affidavit-complaint shall be filed together with the affidavits of  
2 witnesses and other documentary evidence with the Board through the Legal and  
3 Investigation Office. The conduct of an investigation *motu proprio* shall be embodied in a  
4 formal charge to be signed by at least majority of the members of the Board. The rules on  
5 administrative investigation issued by the Commission shall govern the hearing or  
6 investigation, subject to applicable provisions of this Act, Republic Act No. 8981 and the  
7 Rules of Court.

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9           **SEC. 23. Reissuance of Revoked Certificate of Registration, Replacement of Lost or**  
10 ***Damaged Certificate of Registration, Professional Identification Card or***  
11 ***Temporary/Special Permit.*** – The Board may, upon a verified petition, reinstate or reissue a  
12 revoked certificate of registration after two (2) years from the effectivity of the period for  
13 revocation, which is the date of surrender of the certificate and/or the professional  
14 identification card if still valid to the Board and/or the Commission. The petitioner shall  
15 prove to the Board that one has valid reason/s to practice anew the profession. In the granting  
16 of the petition, the Board shall issue a Board resolution, subject to approval by the  
17 Commission.

18           A certificate of registration, professional identification card or temporary/special  
19 permit that has been declared lost may be reissued in accordance with the rules thereon and  
20 upon payment of the prescribed fees.

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22           **SEC. 24. Non-payment of the Annual Registration Fees.** – The Board shall suspend  
23 a registered criminologist from the practice of the profession whether in government service,  
24 or have use the license as eligibility equivalent for promotion in government service, or in the  
25 private sector, for non-payment of the registration fees for two (2) consecutive registration  
26 periods from the last or previous year of payment. Other surcharges shall be determined and  
27 charged by the Commission.

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29           **SEC. 25. Renewal of Professional Identification Card.** – The professional  
30 identification card shall be renewed only upon the completion of the prescribed minimum

1 units of the CPD program by the registrant from the APO or any accredited provider  
2 authorized by the Commission.

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4 **SEC. 26. *Vested Rights; Automatic Registration.*** – All criminologists registered at  
5 the effectivity of this Act shall automatically be registered hereunder, subject to the  
6 provisions herein set forth as to future requirements. Certificates of registration and  
7 professional identification cards or temporary/special permits held by such persons in good  
8 standing at such effectivity date shall have the same force and effect as though they were  
9 issued on or after the said effectivity.

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11 **ARTICLE IV**  
12 **PRACTICE OF CRIMINOLOGY**

13 **SEC. 27. *Lawful Practitioners of Criminology.*** – The following persons shall be  
14 authorized to practice the criminology profession:

15 **(a) Natural persons:**

- 16 (1) Duly registered criminologists and holders of valid certificates of  
17 registration and valid professional identification cards issued by the Board  
18 and the Commission pursuant to this Act; and  
19 (2) Holders of valid temporary/special permits issued by the Board and the  
20 Commission to foreign licensed criminologists pursuant to this Act.

21 **(b) Juridical persons:**

- 22 (1) Single proprietorship whose owner and technical staff are registered  
23 criminologists;  
24 (2) Partnership duly registered with the Securities and Exchange  
25 Commission (SEC) as professional partnership pursuant to the Civil  
26 Code and composed of partners majority of whom are registered  
27 criminologists;

1 (3) Corporation duly registered with the SEC as engaged in the practice of  
2 criminology and with officers and Board of Directors who are all  
3 registered criminologists; and

4 (4) Association and cooperative duly registered with the appropriate  
5 government agency as a non-stock corporation where majority of the  
6 officers, Board of Trustees and members are registered criminologists.

7 These juridical persons shall also be registered with the Board and the Commission in  
8 accordance with the rules and regulations thereon.

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10 **SEC. 28. Seal, Issuance and Use of Seal.** – There shall be a seal to be exclusively  
11 and legitimately used by the practitioners of the criminology profession which shall be  
12 distributed by the Board through the APO.

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14 **SEC. 29. Foreign Reciprocity.** – No foreigner shall be allowed to take the licensure  
15 examination for criminologists, register, receive one's certificate of registration and  
16 professional identification card, and practice criminology in the Philippines unless, the  
17 requirements for the licensure examination and/or registration and practice of criminology  
18 imposed under the laws and regulations in the foreign country/state are substantially the same  
19 as those required and contemplated by the Philippine laws and regulations, and unless the  
20 foreign laws and regulations allow Philippine citizens to practice criminology within the  
21 territory of the foreign country/state on the same basis and grant the same privileges as those  
22 enjoyed by the citizens, subjects or nationals thereof.

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24 **SEC. 30. Practice Through Temporary/Special Permit.** – Temporary/Special permit  
25 may be issued by the Board subject to the approval by the Commission and payment of fees  
26 the latter has prescribed and charged thereof to the following:

27 (a) Registered criminologists from foreign countries/states whose services are  
28 rendered either for free or for a fee:

1 (1) If they are internationally known criminologists or experts in any  
2 branch, specialty or allied field of criminology; and

3 (3) If their services are urgently and importantly required for lack or  
4 inadequacy of available local specialists or experts; or for the  
5 promotion or advancement of the practice of criminology through  
6 transfer of technology.

7 (b) Registered criminologists from foreign countries/states whose services  
8 shall be free and limited to indigent patients in a particular hospital, center or clinic;  
9 and

10 (c) Registered criminologists from foreign countries/states employed as  
11 exchange professors in a branch, specialty or allied field of criminology, in schools,  
12 colleges or universities offering the course of criminology.

13 The permit shall, among other things, contain these limitations and conditions for a  
14 period of not more than one (1) year subject to renewal: the branch or specialty of  
15 criminology and the specific place of practice such as clinic, hospital, center, school, college  
16 or university offering the course of criminology. The Board, subject to the approval of the  
17 Commission, shall promulgate rules and regulations on the implementation of this particular  
18 section.

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20 **SEC. 31. Indication of Numbers: Certificate of Registration, Professional Tax**  
21 **Receipt and APO Membership.** – The practitioner of the criminology profession shall be  
22 required to indicate the certificate of registration number and date of issuance, the expiry of  
23 the current professional identification card, the professional tax receipt number and date, and  
24 the APO membership number and date with official receipt number and date of membership  
25 payment (annual/lifetime) on the documents one signs, uses or issues in connection with the  
26 practice of the profession.

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28 **SEC. 32. Roster of Registered Criminologists.** – The Board shall prepare and  
29 maintain a roster showing the names, residence and/or office address of all registered  
30 criminologists, which shall be updated annually in cooperation with the APO, indicating

1 therein the status of the certificate of registration, professional identification card and APO  
2 membership. The roster shall be made available to any party as may be deemed necessary.

3           **SEC. 33. *Integration of Registered Criminologists.*** – The registered criminologists  
4 shall be integrated into one (1) national organization of criminologists that is duly registered  
5 with the SEC. The Board, subject to the approval by the Commission, shall accredit the  
6 organization as the one and only integrated and accredited national organization of  
7 criminologists: *Provided*, that its continued accreditation is subject to compliance with the  
8 periodic requirements and standards set forth by the Commission.

9           All criminologists whose names appear in the Registry Book of Criminologists shall  
10 *ipso facto* or automatically become members thereof and shall receive therefrom, all the  
11 benefits and privileges upon payment of APO membership fees and dues. Membership in an  
12 affiliate organization of criminologists shall not be barred.

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**ARTICLE V  
PRIVILEGES OF REGISTERED CRIMINOLOGISTS**

16           **SEC. 34. *Privileges of Registered Criminologists.*** – All registered criminologists  
17 shall be exempt from taking any other entrance or qualifying government or civil service  
18 examinations and shall be considered civil service eligible to the following government  
19 positions, among others: (1) Dactylographer; (2) Ballistician; (3) Questioned Document  
20 Examiner; (4) Forensic Photographer; (5) Polygraph Examiner; (6) Probation Officer; (7)  
21 Parole Officer; (8) Special Investigator; (9) Special Agent; (10) Investigative Agent; (11)  
22 Intelligence Agent; (12) Law Enforcement Evaluation Officer; (13) National Police  
23 Commission (NAPOLCOM) Inspector; (14) Traffic Operation Officer; (15) Associate Graft  
24 Investigation Officer; (16) Special Police Officer; (17) Safekeeping Officer; (18) Sheriff;  
25 (19) Security Officer; (20) Criminal Investigator; (21) Warden; (22) Reformation Officer;  
26 (23) Firefighter; (24) Fire Marshall; (25) Jail Officer up to the rank of Jail Superintendent;  
27 (26) Police Officer up to the rank of Police Superintendent and other Law Enforcement  
28 agencies, and agencies under the Criminal Justice System.

1           **SEC. 35. Preference of Appointment in Government Criminal Justice and Other**

2           **Government Institutions.** – Registered criminologists shall enjoy priority of appointment and  
3 shall not be required to take any qualifying or entrance examinations in the PNP, the NBI, the  
4 Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), the  
5 Land Transportation Office (LTO) and other government positions related to criminology,  
6 police and law enforcement work, investigations and security, corrections and public safety  
7 of the following bureaus, departments, institutions or agencies of the government: the  
8 Department of Justice (DOJ); the Commission on Human Rights (CHR); the Office of the  
9 Ombudsman; the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA); the Commission on Elections  
10 (COMELEC); the Bureau of Treasury (BoT); the Philippine Amusement and Gaming  
11 Corporation (PAGCOR); the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);  
12 the Department of Tourism (DOT), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); the Armed  
13 Forces of the Philippines (AFP); the Bureau of Immigration (BOI); the Bureau of Customs  
14 (BoC); the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC); the Air  
15 Transportation Office (ATO) and the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP); the  
16 Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP); the BIR; the CHED; the City/Municipal Security Office;  
17 the Provincial Jail; the Provincial Security Office; the Metro Manila Development Authority  
18 (MMDA); the Supreme Court and lower courts; the Security Consultation; the Social  
19 Security System; the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM); the Autonomous Region  
20 in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM); the Optical Media Board; the Intellectual Property Rights  
21 Office; the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA); the Public Attorney’s Office  
22 (PAO); the Philippine Postal Corporation (PPC); government-owned and -controlled  
23 corporations and other government agencies with positions involving the practice of  
24 criminology.

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26           **SEC. 36. Lateral Entry of Registered Criminologists.** – Registered criminologists  
27 who are not in the government service shall be eligible and given preference for appointment  
28 via lateral entry as Police, Fire, and Jail Inspectors or its equivalent in the PDEA, NBI, and  
29 other law enforcement agencies: *Provided*, That they possess the general qualifications for  
30 appointment as provided in the existing laws on appointment of Police officers in the PNP,  
31 BJMP, BFP, PDEA, or NBI: *Provided, further*, That those who are already in the police, fire,  
32 and jail service as non-commissioned officers and who are already registered and licensed  
33 criminologists shall be given preference for lateral entry.

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**SEC. 37. Penal Clause.** – A fine of not less than One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) nor more than Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00), or imprisonment for not less than two (2) years and one (1) day nor more than six (6) years, or both, at the discretion of the court shall be imposed upon any person who shall commit any of the following acts:

- (a) Practicing criminology without valid certificate of registration and a valid professional identification card or a valid temporary/special permit;
- (b) Attempting to use the seal, certificate of registration and professional identification card of a registered criminologist or temporary/special permit issued to a foreign criminologist;
- (c) Abetting the illegal practice of criminology by an unregistered or unauthorized person;
- (d) Securing through false information or fraudulent means certificate of registration and professional identification card or temporary/special permit;
- (e) Impersonating a registered criminologist or a holder of a temporary/special permit; and
- (f) Violating any provision of this Act or the IRR thereof. Where the violator is a juridical person, the Board of Directors and other responsible officers of the corporation shall be held liable.

**SEC. 38. Enforcement.** – In carrying out the provisions of this Act, the Board shall be assisted by the Commission, the APO, duly constituted government agencies and authorities and private organizations in the industry.

**SEC. 39. Appropriations.** – The Chairperson of the PRC shall immediately include in the Commission’s programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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**SEC. 40. *Transitory Provision.*** – The incumbent Board shall, in an interim capacity, continue to operate or function by carrying out the provisions of the Act without need of new appointments of the Chairperson and members thereof until the first Board created under this Act shall have been constituted or organized pursuant thereto.

**SEC. 41. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).*** – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board, subject to approval by the Commission, and in coordination with the APO, shall prescribe, promulgate and issue a Board resolution on the IRR of this Act and which shall be effective fifteen (15) days after their publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

**SEC. 42. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision, section or part of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate or impair any other provisions, sections or parts hereof.

**SEC. 43. *Repealing Clause.*** – Republic Act No. 6506, otherwise known as “An Act Creating the Board of Examiners for Criminologists in the Philippines and for Other Purposes”, is hereby repealed. All other laws, Republic Acts, Decrees, Orders, letters of instruction, rules and regulations or other issuances, and parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are likewise repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 44. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*