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AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF CRIMINOLOGY
PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6506,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT CREATING THE
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR CRIMINOLOGISTS
IN THE PHILIPPINES"

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

1 ARTICLE I

2 TITLE, POLICY, OBJECTIVES, TERMS AND PRACTICE

3 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as "The
4 Philippine Criminology Profession Act of 2018".

5 SEC. 2. *Statement of Policy.* – The State recognizes
6 the importance of criminology profession in national

1 security, public safety, peace and order, and in nation-
2 building and development. Hence, it shall develop and
3 nurture competent, virtuous, productive and well-
4 rounded criminologists whose standards of professional
5 practice and service shall be excellent, qualitative, world-
6 class and globally competitive through sacred, honest,
7 effective and credible licensure examinations, coupled with
8 programs and activities that would promote professional
9 growth and development.

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

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

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

15 (c) The standardization and regulation of criminology
16 education;

17 (d) The development of the professional competence
18 of criminologists through Continuing Professional
19 Development (CPD); and

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

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

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

16 (b) *Board* refers to the Professional Regulatory Board
17 of Criminology created hereunder;

18 (c) *CHED* refers to the Commission on Higher
19 Education (CHED) created under Republic Act No. 7722
20 otherwise known as “Higher Education Act of 1994”, in the

1 formulation of policy standards, and monitoring of the
2 criminology education in the country, which shall be
3 assisted by the Criminology Technical Panel composed of
4 the president of the APO, Chairperson of the Board of
5 Criminology, one (1) from the academe, and two (2) from
6 the law enforcement agencies;

7 (d) *Commission* refers to Professional Regulation
8 Commission (PRC) hereinafter referred to as the
9 Commission created under Republic Act No. 8981,
10 otherwise known as the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000";

11 (e) *Criminology* refers to the scientific study of
12 crimes, criminals, and victims, it also deals with the
13 prevention, and solution of crimes;

14 (f) *Profession* refers to the art and science in the
15 practice of criminology discipline; and

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

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

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

Philippines (ISAFP), and other intelligence service or agencies of the government exercising similar functions;

(b) In line with the practice of teaching profession such as those performed by a professor, instructor or teacher in any university, college or school duly recognized by the government of any of the following professional and component subjects of the criminology program:

- (1) Criminal Jurisprudence and Procedure; (2) Criminalistics;
- (3) Law Enforcement Administration; (4) Crime Detection and Investigation; (5) Correctional Administration; and (6) Criminal Sociology and Ethics, and other technical and specialized subjects in the criminology curriculum provided by the CHED;

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

(d) As a correctional administrator, executive, supervisor, or officer in any rehabilitation, correctional,

1 and penal institution or facility, and in any community-
2 based corrections, and rehabilitation agencies and/or
3 programs;

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

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

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

ARTICLE II

PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD FOR CRIMINOLOGISTS

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

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

(a) Must be a natural-born Filipino citizen and a resident of the Philippines;

1 (b) Must be of good moral character, good reputation
2 and of sound mind and body;

3 (c) Not convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction
4 of any offense involving moral turpitude;

5 (d) Must be a graduate of Bachelor of Science in
6 Criminology, and a holder of a Post-Graduate Degree in
7 Criminology or a lawyer in any reputable school recognized
8 by CHED;

9 (e) Must be a registered criminologist with a valid
10 certificate of registration and a valid professional
11 identification card, having at least ten (10) years of
12 practice in the profession prior to the appointment
13 including no less than two (2)-years teaching experience of
14 criminology or law subjects in full-time or part-time
15 capacity in the college of criminology or college of law
16 recognized by the government through the CHED;

17 (f) Must be a member in good standing of the APO but
18 not an officer or trustee thereof; and

19 (g) Must not be a member of the faculty of any school,
20 college or university where a regular class or review course

1 in criminology is offered, nor a member of the staff of
2 reviewers in a review school or center, and must not have
3 any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any such
4 institution.

5 SEC. 8. *Term of Office.* – The Chairperson and
6 members of the Board shall hold office for a term of three
7 (3) years from the date of appointment or until their
8 successors shall have been qualified and appointed. They
9 may be reappointed to the same office for another term of
10 three (3) years immediately after the expiry of their term:
11 *Provided*, That the holding of such position shall not be
12 more than two (2) terms nor more than six (6) years,
13 whichever is longer: *Provided, further*, That the first Board
14 under this Act shall hold these terms of office: the
15 Chairperson for three (3) years, the first two (2) members
16 for two (2) years, and the second two (2) members for one
17 (1) year: *Provided, finally*, That any appointee to a vacancy
18 with an unexpired period shall only serve such period. The
19 Chairperson and the members shall duly take their oath of
20 office.

1 SEC. 9. *Compensation, Allowances and Other Benefits.*

2 – The Chairperson and members of the Board shall receive
3 compensation, allowances and other benefits comparable to
4 that being received by the Chairpersons and members of
5 other Professional Regulatory Boards under the
6 Commission as provided for under Section 10 of Republic
7 Act No. 8981 and other existing laws.

8 SEC. 10. *Powers, Functions, Duties and Responsibilities*

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

14 (a) To administer, supervise, and monitor in the
15 conduct of the licensure examination, registration,
16 membership in the APO and the practice of criminology in
17 accordance with the provisions of this Act;

18 (b) Shall receive complaints and decided the matter
19 as to the malpractices and unethical conduct in the
20 practice of the criminology profession;

1 (c) To promulgate and issue rules and regulations
2 implementing the provisions of this Act;

3 (d) To promulgate and adopt Code of Ethics and Code
4 of Good Governance for the practice of criminology;

5 (e) To adopt an official seal of the Board;

6 (f) To prescribe and promulgate guidelines on the
7 conduct of a CPD program for criminologists in consultation
8 with the APO;

9 (g) To promulgate, adopt or amend the syllabi and
10 tables of specifications of the subjects for the licensure
11 examination/s in consultation with the APO, the academe,
12 and the CHED Technical Panel for Criminology, prepare
13 questions for the licensure examination which shall strictly
14 be within the scope of the syllabi of the subjects for
15 examination, as well as administer and correct, and release
16 the results of the licensure examinations;

17 (h) To issue, suspend, revoke or reinstate the
18 certificate of registration of the registered criminologist or
19 cancel temporary or special permit granted to foreign
20 criminologist;

1 (i) To administer oaths in the performance of its
2 functions such as, but not limited to, the oath of a
3 professional to successful examinees in licensure
4 examination for criminologist together with the APO in an
5 appropriate mass oath-taking ceremony to be held for the
6 purpose;

7 (j) To monitor the conditions affecting the practice of
8 criminology and whenever necessary, adopt such measure
9 as may be deemed proper for the enhancement of the
10 profession and the maintenance of high professional,
11 ethical and technical standards; for this purpose, the
12 members of the Board, duly authorized by the Commission,
13 may conduct ocular inspection of establishments where
14 criminology is practiced, and recommend sanction as it
15 may deem proper to the appropriate government agency
16 concern;

17 (k) To monitor all colleges and universities offering
18 criminology program and recommend sanctions to CHED
19 or to other authorized government offices, for non-
20 compliance with the policies, standards, and requirements

1 as to faculty qualifications, laboratory, library, facilities
2 and equipment, research outputs, curriculum and
3 administration of the criminology education.

4 (l) To hear and investigate cases on violations of this
5 Act, its implementing rules and regulations (IRR), the
6 Code of Ethics, the Code of Good Governance and other
7 policies, and for this purpose, to issue summons, *subpoena*
8 *ad testificandum* and *subpoena duces tecum* to alleged
9 violators and/or witnesses to compel their attendance in
10 such hearings or investigations and the production of
11 documents in connection therewith;

12 (m) To delegate to the Commission the hearing or
13 investigation of cases against the alleged violators:
14 *Provided*, That the hearing or investigation of cases
15 wherein the issue or question involved strictly concerns
16 the technical practice of criminology shall be presided over
17 by at least one (1) member of the Board assisted by a
18 Legal or Hearing Officer of the Commission;

19 (n) To recommend to the Commission the
20 endorsement of cases involving criminal violations of this

1 Act, it's IRR, and other laws to the Prosecution Office or
2 appropriate government agency, for investigation and
3 appropriate action;

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

19 (p) To conduct, through the Legal or Hearing Officers,
20 summary proceedings against the examinees who commit

1 violations of this Act, its IRR, any of the Codes
2 aforementioned, including violation of the General
3 Instructions to Examinees, and to render summary
4 judgment thereon which shall, unless appealed to the
5 Commission, become final and executory after fifteen (15)
6 days from receipt of notice of judgment or decision;

7 (q) To prepare an annual report of accomplishments
8 on programs, projects and activities of the Board for
9 submission to the Commission after the close of each
10 calendar year and make appropriate recommendations to
11 the Commission on issues or problems affecting the
12 criminology profession; and

13 (r) To exercise such other powers as may be provided
14 by law as well as those which may be implied from, or
15 which are incidental or necessary to the effective carrying
16 out of the express powers granted to the Board to achieve
17 the objectives and purposes of this Act. The resolutions,
18 rules and regulations and other policies issued and
19 promulgated by the Board shall be subject for review and
20 approval by the Commission. However, the Board's

1 decisions, resolutions or orders rendered in an
2 administrative case shall be subject to review only if on
3 appeal.

4 SEC. 11. *Grounds for Removal or Suspension of Board*
5 *Chairperson/Member.* – The President of the Philippines,
6 upon the recommendation of the Commission, after due
7 process and administrative investigation conducted by the
8 Commission, may remove or suspend the Chairperson or
9 member of the Board on any of the following grounds:

10 (a) Gross neglect, incompetence or dishonesty in the
11 discharge of one's duty;

12 (b) Commission of any of the causes/grounds and the
13 prohibited acts provided in this Act and the offenses in the
14 Revised Penal Code, the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices
15 Act, and other laws;

16 (c) Manipulation or rigging of the results in the
17 licensure examination for criminologists, disclosure of
18 secret and confidential information on the examination

1 questions prior to the conduct thereof, or tampering of
2 grades; and

3 (d) Conviction with final judgment of any crime
4 involving moral turpitude. The Commission, in the conduct
5 of the investigation, shall be guided by Section 7(s) of
6 Republic Act No. 8981, the rules on administrative
7 investigation, and the applicable provisions of the New
8 Rules of Court.

9 SEC. 12. *Administrative Supervision of the Board;*
10 *Provision of Support Services.* – The Board shall be under
11 the administrative supervision of the Commission. The
12 Commission shall keep all records of the Board including
13 applications for examination, examination papers and
14 results, minutes of deliberation and administrative cases.
15 The Commission shall designate the Secretary of the Board
16 and shall provide the other support services to the Board
17 in order to implement the provisions of this Act.

ARTICLE III

EXAMINATION, REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION AND

LICENSURE

SEC. 13. *Passing of Licensure Examination Requirements.*

– Except as otherwise specifically allowed under this Act, applicants for registration for the practice of criminology shall be required to pass a licensure examination as provided for in this Act, in such places and dates as the Commission may designate in the resolution thereof on the Master Schedules for all licensure examinations in accordance with Section 7(d) of Republic Act No. 8981.

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

(a) Must be a citizen of the Philippines or a foreign citizen whose country/state has reciprocity with the Philippines in the practice of criminology;

(b) Must be of good moral character, good reputation and of sound mind and body certified by the school where he/she graduated and the barangay where he/she lives, unless the examinee is a foreign national a certification from any professional of good standing will do;

(c) Must hold a bachelor's degree in criminology duly accredited by the CHED and conferred by a school/college/university duly authorized by the government or its equivalent degree obtained by either a Filipino or foreign citizen from an institution of learning in a foreign country/state: *Provided*, That it is duly recognized and/or accredited by the CHED;

(d) Must not have been convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude by a court of competent jurisdiction; and

(e) Those who failed five (5) times whether consecutive or cumulative in the criminologist licensure examination, must present a certification issued by a reputable institution duly recognized by CHED that such

1 applicant have satisfactorily completed a refresher course
 2 in criminology.

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

6 Subjects Relative Weights

7 (a) Criminal Jurisprudence and Procedure:

8 Criminal Law (Book I); Criminal Law
 9 (Book II); Related

10 Special Penal Laws; Criminal Procedure;
 11 Evidence;

12 Court Testimony.....20%

13 (b) Law Enforcement Administration:

14 Police Organization and Administration,
 15 Police Planning; Police Patrol Operations,
 16 Police Communication System; Police
 17 Intelligence;

18 Police Personnel and Records Management;

19 Comparative Police Systems;

1 Industrial Security Management.....20%

2 (c) Crime Detection and Investigation:

3 Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation;

4 Special Crime, Organized Crime Investigation;

5 Fire Technology and Arson Investigation;

6 Traffic Management and Accident Investigation;

7 Drug Education and Investigation;

8 Vice Control15%

9 (d) Criminalistics:

10 Forensic Photography; Personal Identification;

11 Forensic Medicine; Polygraphy; Examination;

12 Forensic Ballistics; Questioned Documents

1320%

14 (e) Correctional Administration:

15 Institutional Corrections; Non-Institutional

16 Corrections10%

17 (f) Criminal Sociology:

18 Introduction to Criminology and Psychology

19 of Crimes;

1	Philippine Criminal Justice System; Ethics	
2	and Values;	
3	Juvenile Delinquency and Crime Prevention;	
4	Human Behavior and Crisis Management;	
5	Criminological Research and Statistics	
6	15%

7 The Board, in consultation with the APO and the
8 academe and subject to the approval of the Commission,
9 may revise or exclude any of the subjects with their
10 corresponding ratings and their syllabi, and add new ones
11 as the need arises to conform with technological changes
12 brought about by developing trends in the profession.

13 However, the Board may change or revise any of the
14 above subjects in the event the CHED shall
15 correspondingly change the curriculum prescribed for the
16 Degree of Bachelor of Science in Criminology. In the
17 conduct of the examination, the Board, in its discretion,
18 may give practical and field examinations in each subject,
19 as it may deem fit.

1 SEC. 16. *Persons to Teach Subjects for Licensure*

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

9 SEC. 17. *Rating in the Licensure Examination.* – To

10 pass the licensure examination for criminologist, a
11 candidate must obtain a weighted average rating of
12 seventy-five percent (75%) with no grade less than sixty
13 percent (60%) in any given subject. In case the examinee
14 obtains a weighted average rating of seventy-five percent
15 (75%) but, has a grade below sixty percent (60%) in any of
16 the subjects, the result of the examinee shall be deferred,
17 and be required to retake that particular subject/s. The
18 deferred examinee shall only be allowed to retake once
19 within two (2) years from the date of the examination, and
20 shall be required to obtain a grade not lower than eighty

1 percent (80%) on the subject, to be considered to have
2 passed the licensure examination. If the examinee failed to
3 retake after the lapse of two (2) years or failed to get the
4 passing mark of eighty percent (80%), the examinee shall
5 retake all the board subjects.

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

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

14 SEC. 19. *Oath.* – All successful candidates of the
15 licensure examination shall take their oath of profession in
16 person before the Board or any of its members, and with
17 the APO in an oath-taking ceremony held for such purpose.
18 Any person authorized by law may administer oath to any
19 successful examinees only upon membership of the APO
20 prior to entering the practice of the profession.

1 SEC. 20. *Issuance of Certificate of Registration and*
2 *Professional Identification Card.* – A certificate of
3 registration shall be issued to those who shall register,
4 subject to payment of fees prescribed by the Commission. It
5 shall bear the signatures of the Chairperson and the
6 Commissioners of the Commission and the Chairperson
7 and members of the Board, stamped with the official seal of
8 the Commission and of the Board, certifying that the
9 person named therein is entitled to practice the
10 criminology profession with all the privileges appurtenant
11 thereto. It shall remain in full force and effect until
12 withdrawn, suspended or revoked in accordance with this
13 Act.

14 A professional identification card bearing the
15 registration number and date, its validity, and expiry duly
16 signed by the Chairperson of the Commission shall
17 likewise be issued to every registrant who has paid the
18 prescribed fee. It shall be reissued after every three (3)
19 years upon payment of the prescribed fees, prescribed

1 units earned in the CPD, and certified by the APO as
2 active member.

3 SEC. 21. *Refusal to Issue Certificate of Registration*
4 *and Professional Identification Card or Temporary/Special*
5 *Permit.* – The Board shall not register any successful
6 applicant for registration who has been:

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

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

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

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

17 SEC. 22. *Revocation or Suspension of the Certificate of*
18 *Registration and Cancellation of Temporary/Special Permit.* –
19 The Board shall have the power, upon notice and hearing,
20 to revoke or suspend the certificate of registration of a

1 registered criminologist or to cancel a temporary/special
2 permit granted to foreign criminologist for the commission
3 of any of the following acts:

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

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

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

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

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

18 (f) Aiding or abetting the illegal practice of a non-
19 registered criminologist by allowing the use of one's

1 certificate of registration and/or professional identification
2 card or temporary/special permit;

3 (g) Illegally practicing the profession during the
4 suspension from the practice thereof;

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

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

15 Any person, firm or association may file charge/s in
16 accordance with the provision of this section against any
17 registrant, and the Board may investigate commission of
18 any of the abovementioned causes. Affidavit-complaint
19 shall be filed together with the affidavits of witnesses and
20 other documentary evidence with the Board through the

1 Legal and Investigation Office. The conduct of an
2 investigation *motu proprio* shall be embodied in a formal
3 charge to be signed by at least majority of the members of
4 the Board. The rules on administrative investigation
5 issued by the Commission shall govern the hearing or
6 investigation, subject to applicable provisions of this Act,
7 Republic Act No. 8981 and the Rules of Court.

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

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

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

14 SEC. 25. *Renewal of Professional Identification Card.* –
15 The professional identification card shall be renewed only
16 upon the completion of the prescribed minimum units of
17 the CPD program by the registrant from the APO or any
18 accredited provider authorized by the Commission.

19 SEC. 26. *Vested Rights; Automatic Registration.* – All
20 criminologists registered at the effectivity of this Act shall

1 automatically be registered hereunder, subject to the
2 provisions herein set forth as to future requirements.
3 Certificates of registration and professional identification
4 cards or temporary/special permits held by such persons in
5 good standing at such effectivity date shall have the same
6 force and effect as though they were issued on or after the
7 said effectivity.

8 ARTICLE IV

9 PRACTICE OF CRIMINOLOGY

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

13 (a) Natural persons:

14 (1) Duly registered criminologists and holders of valid
15 certificates of registration and valid professional
16 identification cards issued by the Board and the
17 Commission pursuant to this Act; and

18 (2) Holders of valid temporary/special permits issued
19 by the Board and the Commission to foreign licensed
20 criminologists pursuant to this Act.

1 (b) Juridical persons:

2 (1) Single proprietorship whose owner and technical
3 staff are registered criminologists;

4 (2) Partnership duly registered with the Securities
5 and Exchange Commission (SEC) as professional
6 partnership pursuant to the Civil Code and composed of
7 partners majority of whom are registered criminologists;

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

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

16 These juridical persons shall also be registered with
17 the Board and the Commission in accordance with the
18 rules and regulations thereon.

19 SEC. 28. *Seal, Issuance and Use of Seal.* – There shall
20 be a seal to be exclusively and legitimately used by the

1 practitioners of the criminology profession which shall be
2 distributed by the Board through the APO.

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

18 SEC. 30. *Practice Through Temporary/Special Permit.*
19 – Temporary/Special permit may be issued by the Board
20 subject to the approval by the Commission and payment of

1 fees the latter has prescribed and charged thereof to the
2 following:

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

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

9 (2) If their services are urgently and importantly
10 required for lack or inadequacy of available local
11 specialists or experts; or for the promotion or advancement
12 of the practice of criminology through transfer of
13 technology.

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

18 (c) Registered criminologists from foreign
19 countries/states employed as exchange professors in a

1 branch, specialty or allied field of criminology, in schools,
2 colleges or universities offering the course of criminology.

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

11 SEC. 31. *Indication of Numbers: Certificate of*
12 *Registration, Professional Tax Receipt and APO*
13 *Membership.* – The practitioner of the criminology
14 profession shall be required to indicate the certificate of
15 registration number and date of issuance, the expiry of the
16 current professional identification card, the professional
17 tax receipt number and date, and the APO membership
18 number and date with official receipt number and date of
19 membership payment (annual/lifetime) on the documents

1 one signs, uses or issues in connection with the practice of
2 the profession.

3 SEC. 32. *Roster of Registered Criminologists.* – The
4 Board shall prepare and maintain a roster showing the
5 names, residence and/or office address of all registered
6 criminologists, which shall be updated annually in
7 cooperation with the APO, indicating therein the status of
8 the certificate of registration, professional identification
9 card and APO membership. The roster shall be made
10 available to any party as may be deemed necessary.

11 SEC. 33. *Integration of Registered Criminologists.* –
12 The registered criminologists shall be integrated into one
13 (1) national organization of criminologists that is duly
14 registered with the SEC. The Board, subject to the
15 approval by the Commission, shall accredit the
16 organization as the one and only integrated and accredited
17 national organization of criminologists: *Provided*, That its
18 continued accreditation is subject to compliance with the
19 periodic requirements and standards set forth by the
20 Commission.

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

7 ARTICLE V

8 PRIVILEGES OF REGISTERED CRIMINOLOGISTS

9 SEC. 34. *Privileges of Registered Criminologists.* – All
10 registered criminologists shall be exempt from taking any
11 other entrance or qualifying government or civil service
12 examinations and shall be considered civil service eligible
13 to the following government positions, among others: (1)
14 Dactylographer; (2) Ballistician; (3) Questioned Document
15 Examiner; (4) Forensic Photographer; (5) Polygraph
16 Examiner; (6) Probation Officer; (7) Parole Officer; (8)
17 Special Investigator; (9) Special Agent; (10) Investigative
18 Agent; (11) Intelligence Agent; (12) Law Enforcement
19 Evaluation Officer; (13) National Police Commission
20 (NAPOLCOM) Inspector; (14) Traffic Operation Officer;

1 (15) Associate Graft Investigation Officer; (16) Special
2 Police Officer; (17) Safekeeping Officer; (18) Sheriff; (19)
3 Security Officer; (20) Criminal Investigator; (21) Warden;
4 (22) Reformation Officer; (23) Firefighter; (24) Fire
5 Marshall; (25) Jail Officer up to the rank of Jail
6 Superintendent; (26) Police Officer up to the rank of Police
7 Superintendent and other law enforcement agencies, and
8 agencies under the Criminal Justice System.

9 SEC. 35. *Preference of Appointment in Government*
10 *Criminal Justice and Other Government Institutions.* –
11 Registered criminologists shall enjoy priority of
12 appointment and shall not be required to take any
13 qualifying or entrance examinations in the PNP, the NBI,
14 the BJMP, the BFP, the Land Transportation Office (LTO)
15 and other government positions related to criminology,
16 police and law enforcement work, investigations and
17 security, corrections and public safety of the following
18 bureaus, departments, institutions or agencies of the
19 government: the Department of Justice (DOJ); the
20 Commission on Human Rights (CHR); the Office of the

1 Ombudsman; the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA); the
2 Commission on Elections (COMELEC); the Bureau of
3 Treasury (BoT); the Philippine Amusement and Gaming
4 Corporation (PAGCOR); the Department of Environment
5 and Natural Resources (DENR); the Department of
6 Tourism (DOT); the Department of Trade and Industry
7 (DTI); the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP); the
8 Bureau of Immigration (BOI); the BoC; the Department of
9 Transportation (DOTr); the Air Transportation Office
10 (ATO) and the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines
11 (CAAP); the BSP; the BIR; the CHED; the City/Municipal
12 Security Office; the Provincial Jail; the Provincial Security
13 Office; the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA);
14 the Supreme Court and lower courts; the Security
15 Consultation; the Social Security System; the
16 NAPOLCOM; the Autonomous Region in Muslim
17 Mindanao (ARMM); the Optical Media Board; the
18 Intellectual Property Rights Office; the PDEA; the Public
19 Attorney's Office (PAO); the PPC; government-owned and

1 -controlled corporations and other government agencies
2 with positions involving the practice of criminology.

3 SEC. 36. *Lateral Entry of Registered Criminologists.* –
4 Registered criminologists who are not in the government
5 service shall be eligible and given preference for
6 appointment via lateral entry as Police, Fire, and Jail
7 Inspectors or its equivalent in the PDEA, NBI, and other
8 law enforcement agencies: *Provided*, That they possess the
9 general qualifications for appointment as provided in the
10 existing laws on appointment of Police officers in the PNP,
11 BJMP, BFP, PDEA, or NBI: *Provided, further*, That those
12 who are already in the police, fire, and jail service as non-
13 commissioned officers and who are already registered and
14 licensed criminologists shall be given preference for lateral
15 entry.

16 SEC. 37. *Penal Clause.* – A fine of not less than One
17 hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) nor more than Five
18 hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00), or imprisonment
19 for not less than two (2) years and one (1) day nor more
20 than six (6) years, or both, at the discretion of the court

1 shall be imposed upon any person who shall commit any of
2 the following acts:

3 (a) Practicing criminology without valid certificate of
4 registration and a valid professional identification card or
5 a valid temporary/special permit;

6 (b) Attempting to use the seal, certificate of
7 registration and professional identification card of a
8 registered criminologist or temporary/special permit issued
9 to a foreign criminologist;

10 (c) Abetting the illegal practice of criminology by an
11 unregistered or unauthorized person;

12 (d) Securing through false information or fraudulent
13 means certificate of registration and professional
14 identification card or temporary/special permit;

15 (e) Impersonating a registered criminologist or a
16 holder of a temporary/special permit; and

17 (f) Violating any provision of this Act or the IRR
18 thereof. Where the violator is a juridical person, the Board
19 of Directors and other responsible officers of the
20 corporation shall be held liable.

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

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

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

17 SEC. 41. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* –
18 Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the
19 Board, subject to approval by the Commission, and in
20 coordination with the APO, shall prescribe, promulgate

1 and issue a Board resolution on the IRR of this Act and
2 which shall be effective fifteen (15) days after their
3 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of
4 general circulation.

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

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

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

Approved,