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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend the certain provisions of Republic Act 6506, which is "An Act Creating the Board of Examiners for Criminologists in the Philippines and for other Purposes", in order to upgrade and strengthen law enforcement agencies, enhance public safety services and insure a more effective administration of criminal justice by providing the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) a continuing pool of criminology graduates, professional criminologist and criminology experts who have complied with existing government policies and standards for criminology education programs established by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). With the amendments contained in this bill it is expected that more efficient and effective services in the fields of law enforcement, criminal justice system administration, public safety and safety administration, and correction and jail management will be established.

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**AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6506
ALSO KNOWN AS
"AN ACT CREATING THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
FOR CRIMINOLOGISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES"
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Section 23 of Republic Act No. 6506 is, hereby, amended to read as follows:

Section 23. *Practice of Criminology Defined.* - A person is deemed to be engaged in the practice of Criminology, if he holds himself out to the public in any of the following capacities:

1. As a professor, instructor or teacher in Criminology in any university, college, or school duly recognized by the government and teaches any of the following subjects. (a) law enforcement administration, (b) SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, (c) correctional administration, (d) POLICE ADMINISTRATION, (e) criminalistics and other HIGHLY TECHNICAL and specialized subjects in the Criminology Curriculum provided by [Department of Education] THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED).

2. As a law enforcement administrator, executive adviser, consultant, agent in any government or private agency and SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR IN ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

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6. AS A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND PRACTITIONER.

SECTION 2. Section 24 of Republic Act No. 6506 is, hereby, amended to read as follows:

Section 24. *Privileges of Certified Criminologist.* - All certified criminologists shall be exempt from taking any other entrance or qualifying government or civil service examinations and shall be considered civil service eligibles to the following government positions: (1) Criminal Investigator, (2) SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR, (3) Security Officer, (4) Dactylographer, (5) Ballistician, (6) Questioned Documents Examiner, (7) Correctional Officer, (8) Law Enforcement Photographer, (9) Lie Detection Examiner, (10) Probation Officer, (11) Agent in any Law Enforcement Agency, (12) Police Laboratory Technician, (13) FIRE ARSON INVESTIGATOR.

Certified criminologist shall be eligible for appointment [as Patrolman in Chartered Cities and Municipalities] TO THE INITIAL RANK OF INSPECTOR IN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP) AND ITS EQUIVALENT RANK IN ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM; PROVIDED THAT, THEY POSSESS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED FOR IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975; PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THOSE IN THE NON-OFFICER RANK WHO ARE ALREADY REGISTERED CRIMINOLOGIST OR SUBSEQUENTLY BECOME A REGISTERED CRIMINOLOGIST SHALL BE ADJUSTED TO THE RANK OF INSPECTOR.

REGISTERED CRIMINOLOGIST SHALL BE ALLOWED TO
PRACTICE THE PROFESSION AS AN INDIVIDUAL PRACTITIONER
WHICH SHALL BE INCLUDE PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER
RELATED FIELDS.

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.

FN: S.B. No. 674