



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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ABAYA, APACIBLE, BATAOIL, KHO (D.), PANGANDAMAN (N.) AND
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AN ACT REMOVING THE HEIGHT REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE,
FIRE AND JAIL APPLICANTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 30 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990", AS AMENDED
BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE "PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REFORM AND
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1998", AND SECTION 4 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION AND BUREAU OF JAIL
MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY PROFESSIONALIZATION
ACT OF 2004"

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* -- This Act shall be known as the "Police, Fire
2 and Jail Height Equality Act of 2012".

3 SEC. 2. Section 30(h) of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended, is hereby
4 further amended to read as follows:

5 "SEC. 30. *General Qualifications for Appointment.* -- No
6 person shall be appointed as officer or member of the PNP unless
7 he or she possesses the following minimum qualifications:

8 "x x x

1 “[h) Must be at least one meter and sixty-two centimeters
2 (1.62 m.) in height for male and one meter and fifty-seven
3 centimeters (1.57 m.) for female;]

4 “x x x.”

5 SEC. 3. Section 4(h) of Republic Act No. 9263, as amended, is hereby
6 further amended to read as follows:

7 “SEC. 4. *Professionalization and Upgrading of*
8 *Qualification Standards in the Appointment of Uniformed*
9 *Personnel to the BFP and the BJMP.* – No person shall be
10 appointed as uniformed personnel of the BFP and the BJMP
11 unless he/she possesses the following minimum qualifications:

12 “x x x

13 “h) [Must be at least one meter and sixty-two centimeters
14 (1.62 m.) in height for male, and one meter and fifty-seven
15 centimeters (1.57 m.) for female: *Provided, That a*] A waiver for
16 [height and] age requirement[s] shall be automatically granted to
17 applicants belonging to the cultural communities; and

18 “x x x.”

19 SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The National Police
20 Commission, the Philippine National Police, the Bureau of Fire Protection and
21 the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology shall promulgate the necessary
22 rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

23 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any provision of this
24 Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or
25 provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and
26 effect.

1 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules
2 and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with
3 this Act are hereby repealed accordingly.

4 SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
5 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2)
6 newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,

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