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**Explanatory Note**

Bachelor of Science in Criminology remains the top 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 of 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.

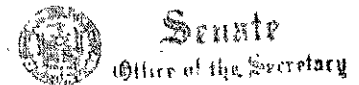
It can't be regarded however, that there are people in the criminology profession who have tainted the values espoused by their profession. Young police officers, oftentimes, violate the laws they have sworn to abide and enforce. There is therefore a need to amend the law governing the criminology profession.

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

*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 2013".

SEC. 2. *Statement of Policy.* - The State recognizes the importance of criminology  
profession 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  
inviolable, honest, effective and credible licensure examinations and through regulatory  
measures, programs and activities that foster their professional growth and development.

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

- (a) The examination, registration and licensure for criminologists;
- (b) The supervision, control and regulation of the practice of criminology;
- (c) The standardization and regulation of criminology education;
- (d) The development of the professional competence of criminologists through  
Continuing Professional Education (CPE); and
- (e) The integration of all criminology professional groups.

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

3           (a) APO refers to the Accredited Professional Organization of Criminologists that the  
4 Professional Regulatory Board of Criminology created hereunder and, hereinafter referred to as  
5 the Board, has recognized as the one and only accredited integrated national organization of  
6 criminologists, subject to the approval of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC)  
7 hereinafter referred to as the Commission created under Republic Act No. 8981, otherwise  
8 known as the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000".

9           (b) Criminology refers to the scientific study of crimes, causes of crimes, victims of  
10 crimes and criminals, in relation to society which sets and defines rules and regulations for  
11 themselves and for the common good.

12           (c) Profession refers to the art, science and discipline in the practice of criminology.

13           (d) Registered criminologist refers to a natural person who holds a valid certificate of  
14 registration and a valid professional identification card as criminologist issued by the Board and  
15 the Commission pursuant to this Act.

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

19           (a) In line with the practice of profession or occupation as a law enforcement  
20 administrator, executive, adviser, consultant, officer, agent or employee in any private or  
21 government agencies performing law enforcement and quasi-police functions at the Philippine  
22 National Police (PNP), the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), the Bureau of Internal  
23 Revenue (BIR), the Bureau of Customs (BoC), the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), other  
24 government banks, the Philippine Postal Corporation (PPC), the National Intelligence  
25 Coordinating Agency (NICA), the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines  
26 (ISAFP), and other intelligence service or agencies of the government exercising similar  
27 functions;

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

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

1 (d) As a correctional administrator, executive supervisor or officer in any correctional  
2 and penal institutions;

3 (e) As a counselor, consultant, adviser or researcher in any government or private agency  
4 on any aspect of criminal research or project involving the causes of crime, juvenile delinquency,  
5 treatment of offenders, police operations, law enforcement administration, scientific criminal  
6 investigation or public safety administration; and

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

9 The Board, in consultation with the APO and subject to the approval of the Commission,  
10 may revise, exclude from or add to the above enumerated acts or activities as the need arises to  
11 conform with the latest trends in the practice of criminology.

## 12 13 **ARTICLE II**

### 14 **PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD FOR CRIMINOLOGISTS**

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16 **SEC. 6. *Creation and Composition of the Professional Regulatory Board for***  
17 ***Criminologists.*** There is hereby created a Professional Regulatory Board for Criminologists, a  
18 collegial body under the administrative supervision and control of the Commission, to be  
19 composed of a Chairperson and two (2) members appointed by the President of the Philippines  
20 from a list of three (3) recommendees for each position, chosen and ranked by the Commission  
21 from a list five (5) nominees for every position indorsed by the integrated and accredited  
22 professional organizations. The new Board shall be organized not later than six (6) months from  
23 the effectivity of this Act.

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

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

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

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

32 (d) Must be a lawyer in good standing or a holder of a Post-Graduate Degree in  
33 Criminology recognized by the government through the CHED;

34 (e) Must be a registered criminologist with a valid certificate of registration and a valid  
35 professional identification card having at least ten (10) years of practice of the profession prior to  
36 the appointment including a no less than two (2)-year teaching experience of criminology or law  
37 subjects in a duly recognized college of criminology or of law recognized by the government  
38 through the CHED;

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

3 (g) Must not be a member of the faculty of any school, college or university where a  
4 regular/review course in criminology is offered, nor a member of a staff of reviewers in a review  
5 school or center, and must not have any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any such  
6 institution.

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

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

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

29 (a) To supervise and regulate the registration, licensure and practice of criminology in  
30 accordance with the provisions of this Act;

31 (b) To promulgate and issue rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this  
32 Act;

33 (c) To promulgate and adopt a Code of Ethics and a Code of Good Governance for the  
34 practice of criminology;

35 (d) To adopt an official seal of the Board;

36 (e) To prescribe and promulgate guidelines on the conduct of a CPE program for  
37 criminologists in consultation with the APO;

1 (f) To promulgate, adopt or amend the syllabi and tables of specifications of the subjects  
2 for the licensure examination/s in consultation with the academe and the CHED, prepare  
3 questions for the licensure examination which shall strictly be within the scope of the syllabi of  
4 the subjects for examination, as well as administer and correct and release the results of the  
5 licensure examinations;

6 (g) To issue, suspend, revoke or reinstate the certificate of registration of the registered  
7 criminologist or cancel temporary or special permit granted to foreign criminologist;

8 (h) To register, with or without licensure examination/s, qualified persons for the practice  
9 of criminology and issue thereto certificates of registration and professional identification cards:  
10 *Provided*, That in case of registration without examination, the person is a graduate of the  
11 Bachelor of Science in Criminology and had been in the practice of the criminology profession  
12 for ten (10) years prior to the conduct of the first Board Examination in 1988;

13 (i) To administer oaths in the performance of its functions such as, but not limited to, the  
14 oath of a professional to successful examinees in licensure examination for criminologists in  
15 appropriate mass oath-taking ceremony to be held for the purpose;

16 (j) To monitor the conditions affecting the practice of criminology and whenever  
17 necessary, adopt such measure as may be deemed proper for the enhancement of the profession  
18 and the maintenance of high professional, ethical and technical standards; for this purpose, the  
19 members of the Board, duly authorized by the Commission, may conduct ocular inspection of  
20 establishments where criminology is practiced, and in coordination with the CHED, in case of  
21 schools;

22 (k) To ensure, in coordination with the CHED or other authorized government offices,  
23 that all higher educational instruction and offering of criminology shall comply with the policies,  
24 standards and requirements of the program as prescribed by the CHED or other authorized  
25 government offices in the areas of program administration, faculty, library, physical facilities and  
26 equipment, curriculum and research and education;

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

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

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

4 (o) To hear and decide administrative cases against the examinees or registered  
5 criminologists: *Provided*, That if they are found guilty, to cancel their examination papers and/or  
6 preclude them from taking another licensure examination, or to revoke/suspend their certificates  
7 of registration and cause the surrender of their professional identification card: *Provided, further*,  
8 That the decision of the Board shall, unless appealed to the Commission, become final and  
9 executory after fifteen (15) days from receipt of notice of judgment or decision;

10 (p) To conduct, through the Legal or Hearing Officers, summary proceedings against the  
11 examinees who commit violations of this Act, its IRR, any of the Codes aforementioned,  
12 including violation of the General Instructions to Examinees committed by the examinees, and to  
13 render summary judgment thereon which shall, unless appealed to the Commission, become final  
14 and executory after fifteen (15) days from receipt of notice of judgment or decision;

15 (q) To prepare an annual report of accomplishments on programs, projects and activities  
16 of the Board for submission to the Commission after the close of each calendar year and make  
17 appropriate recommendations to the Commission on issues or problems affecting the  
18 criminology profession, and;

19 (r) To exercise such other powers as may be provided by law as well as those which may  
20 be implied from, or which are incidental or necessary to the effective carrying out of the express  
21 powers granted to the Board to achieve the objectives and purposes of this Act.

22 The resolutions, rules and regulations and other policies issued and promulgated by the  
23 Board shall be subject to review and approval by the Commission. However, the Board's  
24 decisions, resolutions or orders rendered in an administrative case shall be subject to review only  
25 if on appeal.

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27 **SEC. 11. *Grounds for Removal or Suspension of Board Chairperson/ Member.*** - The  
28 President of the Philippines, upon the recommendation of the Commission, after due process and  
29 administrative investigation conducted by the Commission, may remove or suspend the  
30 Chairperson or member of the Board on any of the following grounds:

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

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

35 (c) Manipulation or rigging of the results in the licensure examination for criminologists,  
36 disclosure of secret and confidential information on the examination questions prior to the  
37 conduct thereof, or tampering of grades, and;

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

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

### 12 13 **ARTICLE III**

#### 14 **EXAMINATION, REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE**

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

21  
22 **SEC. 14. *Qualifications of an Applicant for the Licensure Examination.*** - An applicant  
23 for the licensure examination for criminologists shall satisfactorily prove that one possesses the  
24 following qualifications:

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

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

28 (c) Must hold a bachelor's degree in criminology duly accredited by the CHED and  
29 conferred by a school/college/university duly authorized by the government or its equivalent  
30 degree obtained by either a Filipino or foreign citizen from an institution of learning in a foreign  
31 country/state: *Provided*, That it is duly recognized and/or accredited by the CHED: *Provided*,  
32 *further*, That a holder of a Master's or Doctoral degree in criminology shall be allowed to qualify  
33 within five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act, and;

34 (d) Must not have been convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude by a court of  
35 competent jurisdiction.





1           **SEC. 16. *Persons to Teach Subjects for Licensure Examination.*** – All subjects for the  
2 licensure examination shall be taught by registered criminologists who hold valid certificates of  
3 registration and valid professional identification cards for criminologists and meet other CHED  
4 requirements.

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6           **SEC. 17. *Rating in the Licensure Examination.*** - To pass the licensure examination for  
7 criminologists, a candidate must obtain a weighted average rating of seventy-five percent (75%)  
8 with no grade of less than fifty percent (50%) in any given subject. In case the examinee obtains  
9 a weighted average rating of seventy-five percent (75%) but obtains a grade below fifty percent  
10 (50%) in any of the subjects, the examinee may be allowed to retake that particular subject once  
11 within two (2) years from the date of the examination, but shall be required to obtain a grade not  
12 lower than seventy-five percent (75%) on the subject to be considered to have passed the  
13 licensure examination.

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15           **SEC. 18. *Report of Rating.*** - The Board shall submit to the Commission the ratings  
16 obtained by the candidate not later than ten (10) days after the last day of the examination, unless  
17 the period is extended for a valid cause.

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19           **SEC. 19. *Oath.*** - All successful candidates of the licensure examination and those who  
20 have been allowed to register without examination shall take their oath of profession in person  
21 before the Board in oath-taking ceremonies held for the purpose prior to entering the practice of  
22 the profession. Any successful examinee may, for just and good cause shown, be allowed to take  
23 the oath of a profession before any member of the Board or any person authorized by law to  
24 administer oaths.

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26           **SEC. 20. *Issuance of Certificate of Registration and Professional Identification Card.*** -  
27 A certificate of registration shall be issued to those who are registered with or without licensure  
28 examination, subject to payment of fees prescribed by the Commission. It shall bear the  
29 signatures of the Chairperson and the Commissioners of the Commission and the Chairperson  
30 and members of the Board, stamped with the official seal of the Commission and of the Board,  
31 certifying that the person named therein is entitled to practice the criminology profession with all  
32 the privileges appurtenant thereto. It shall remain in full force and effect until withdrawn,  
33 suspended or revoked in accordance with this Act.

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

1           **SEC. 21. Refusal to Issue Certificate of Registration and Professional Identification**  
2 **Card.** - The Board shall not register any successful applicant for registration with or without  
3 licensure examination who has been:

4           (a) Convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude by a court of competent jurisdiction;

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

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

8           (d) Declared of unsound mind by a court of competent jurisdiction.

9           In refusing such registration, the Board shall give the applicant a written statement setting  
10 forth the reasons therefor and shall file a copy thereof in its records.

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12           **SEC. 22. Revocation or Suspension of the Certificate of Registration and Cancellation**  
13 **of Temporary/ Special Permit.** - The Board shall have the power, upon notice and hearing, to  
14 revoke or suspend the certificate of registration of a registered criminologist or to cancel a  
15 temporary/ special permit granted to foreign criminologist for the commission of any of the  
16 following acts:

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

19           (b) Perpetration or use of fraud in obtaining one's certificate of registration, professional  
20 identification card or temporary/special permit;

21           (c) Gross incompetence, negligence or ignorance resulting to death or injury of a person,  
22 or damage to property;

23           (d) Nonrenewal of the professional identification card with the PRC without justifiable  
24 cause;

25           (e) Aiding or abetting the illegal practice of a nonregistered criminologist by allowing the  
26 use of one's certificate of registration and/or professional identification card or temporary/special  
27 permit;

28           (f) Illegally practicing the profession during the suspension from the practice thereof;

29           (g) Addiction to drugs or alcohol impairing one's ability to practice the profession or a  
30 declaration by a court of competent jurisdiction that the registrant is of unsound mind, and;

31           (h) Noncompliance with the CPE requirements, unless one is exempted therefrom, for the  
32 renewal of the professional identification card.

33           The Board shall periodically evaluate the aforementioned grounds and revise or exclude  
34 or add new ones as the need arises subject to approval by the Commission.

35           Any person, firm or association may file charge/s in accordance with the provision of this  
36 section against any registrant, and the Board may investigate commission of any of the  
37 abovementioned causes, Affidavit-complaint shall be filed together with the affidavits of  
38 witnesses and other documentary evidence with the Board through the Legal and Investigation

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

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

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

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18 **SEC. 24. *Nonpayment of the Annual Registration Fees.*** - The Board shall suspend a  
19 registered criminologist from the practice of the profession for nonpayment of the registration  
20 fees for two (2) consecutive registration periods from the last or previous year of payment. Other  
21 surcharges shall be determined and charged by the Commission.

22  
23 **SEC. 25. *Renewal of Professional Identification Card.*** - The professional identification  
24 card shall be renewed only upon the completion of the prescribed minimum units of the CPE  
25 program by the registrant from the APO or any provider as accredited by the Board.

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

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34 **ARTICLE IV**  
35 **PRACTICE OF CRIMINOLOGY**  
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37 **SEC. 27. *Lawful Practitioners of Criminology.*** - The following persons shall be  
38 authorized to practice the criminology profession:

1 (a) Natural persons:

2 (1) Duly registered criminologists and holders of valid certificates of registration and  
3 valid professional identification cards issued by the Board and the Commission pursuant to this  
4 Act, and;

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

7 (b) Juridical persons:

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

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

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

14 (4) Association and cooperative duly registered with the appropriate government agency  
15 as nonstock corporation where majority of the officers, Board of Trustees and members are  
16 registered criminologists.

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

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20 **SEC. 28. *Seal, Issuance and Use of Seal.*** - There shall be a seal to be exclusively and  
21 legitimately used by the practitioners of the criminology profession.

22  
23 **SEC. 29. *Foreign Reciprocity.*** - No foreigner shall be allowed to take the licensure  
24 examination for criminologists, register, receive one's certificate of registration and professional  
25 identification card, and practice criminology in the Philippines unless the requirements for the  
26 licensure examination and/ or registration and practice of criminology imposed under the laws  
27 and regulations in the foreign country/ state are substantially the same as those required and  
28 contemplated by the Philippine laws and regulations, and unless the foreign laws and regulations  
29 allow Philippine citizens to practice criminology within the territory of the foreign country/state  
30 on the same basis and grant the same privileges as those enjoyed by the citizens, subjects or  
31 nationals thereof.

32  
33 **SEC. 30. *Practice Through Temporary/Special Permit.*** - Temporary/ Special permit  
34 may be issued by the Board subject to approval by the Commission and payment of fees the  
35 latter has prescribed and charged thereof to the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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25 **SEC. 32. Roster of Registered Criminologists.** - The Board shall prepare and maintain a  
26 roster showing the names, residence and/ or office address of all registered criminologists, which  
27 shall be updated annually in cooperation with the APO, indicating therein the status of the  
28 certificate of registration, professional identification card and APO membership. The roster shall  
29 be made available to any party *as* may be deemed necessary.

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31 **SEC. 33. Integration of Registered Criminologists.** - The registered criminologists shall  
32 be integrated into one (1) national organization of criminologists that is duly registered with the  
33 SEC. The Board, subject to the approval by the Commission, shall accredit the organization as  
34 the one and only integrated and accredited national organization of criminologists: *Provided,*  
35 That its continued accreditation is subject to compliance with the periodic requirements and  
36 standards set forth by the Commission. All criminologists whose names appear in the Registry  
37 Book of Criminologists shall *ipso facto* or automatically become members thereof and shall

1 receive therefrom all the benefits and privileges upon payment of APO membership fees and  
2 dues.

3 Membership in an affiliate organization of criminologists shall not be barred.  
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## 5 ARTICLE V

### 6 PRIVILEGES OF REGISTERED CRIMINOLOGISTS

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8 **SEC. 34. *Privileges of Registered Criminologists.*** - All registered criminologists shall be  
9 exempt from taking any other entrance or qualifying government or civil service examinations  
10 and shall be considered civil service eligible to the following government positions, among  
11 others: (1) Dactylographer; (2) Ballistician; (3) Questioned Document Examiner; (4) Forensic  
12 Photographer; (5) Polygraph Examiner; (6) Probation Officer; (7) Parole Officer; (8) Special  
13 Investigator; (9) Special Agent; (10) Investigative Agent; (11) Intelligence Agent; (12) Law  
14 Enforcement Evaluation Officer; (13) National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) Inspector;  
15 (14) Traffic Operation Officer; (15) Associate Graft Investigation Officer; (16) Special Police  
16 Officer; (17) Penal Institution Program Officer; (18) Sheriff; (19) Security Officer; (20) Criminal  
17 Investigator; (21) Warden; (22) Penal Institution Officer; (23) Firefighter; (24) Fire Marshall;  
18 (25) Jail Officer up to the rank of Jail Superintendent, and; (26) Police Officer up to the rank of  
19 Police Superintendent.  
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21 **SEC. 35. *Preference of Appointment in Government Criminal Justice and Other***  
22 ***Government Institutions.*** - Registered criminologists shall enjoy priority of appointment and  
23 shall not be required to take qualifying or entrance examinations in the PNP, the NBI, the Bureau  
24 of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), the Land  
25 Transportation Office (LTO) and other government positions related to criminology, police and  
26 law enforcement work, investigation and security, corrections and public safety of the following  
27 bureaus, departments, institutions or agencies of the government: the Department of Justice  
28 (DOJ); to the Commission on Human Rights (CHR); the Office of the Ombudsman; the  
29 Philippine Ports Authority (PPA); the Commission on Elections (COMELEC); the Bureau of  
30 Treasury (BoT); the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR); the  
31 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); the Department of Tourism (DOT),  
32 the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP); the  
33 Bureau of Immigration (BOI); the Bureau of Customs (BoC); the Department of Transportation  
34 and Communications (DOTC); the Air Transportation Office (ATO); the Bangko Sentral ng  
35 Pilipinas (BSP); the BIR; the CHED; the City/Municipal Security Office; the Provincial Jail; the  
36 Provincial Security Office; the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA); the Supreme  
37 Court and lower courts; the Security Consultation; the Social Security System; the National  
38 Police Commission (NAPOLCOM); the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM);

1 the Optical Media Board; the Intellectual Property Rights Office; the Philippine Drug  
2 Enforcement Agency (PDEA); the Public Attorney's Office (PAO); the Philippine Postal  
3 Corporation (PPC); government-owned and -controlled corporations and other government  
4 agencies with positions involving the practice of criminology.

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6 **SEC. 36. *Lateral Entry of Registered Criminologists in the Philippine National Police***  
7 ***(PNP) and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP).*** - Registered criminologists  
8 shall be eligible and given preference for appointment as Police or Jail Inspectors: *Provided,*  
9 That they possess the general qualifications for appointment as provided in the existing laws on  
10 appointment of police officers in the PNP and jail officers in the BJMP: *Provided, further,* That  
11 those who are already in the police/jail service as noncommissioned officers and who are already  
12 registered and licensed criminologists shall be given utmost preference for lateral entry.

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

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

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

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

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

26 (e) Impersonating a registered criminologist or a holder of a temporary/special permit,  
27 and;

28 (f) Violating any provision of this Act or the IRR thereof.

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30 Where the violator is a juridical person, the Board of Directors and other responsible  
31 officers of the corporation shall be held liable.

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



1           **SEC. 39. Appropriations.** - The Chairperson of the PRC shall immediately include in the  
2 Commission's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included  
3 in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
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5           **SEC. 40. Transitory Provision.** - The incumbent Board shall, in an interim capacity,  
6 continue to operate or function by carrying out the provisions of the Act without need of new  
7 appointments of the Chairperson and members thereof until the first Board created under this Act  
8 shall have been constituted or organized pursuant thereto.  
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10           **SEC.41. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).** - Within ninety (90) days from the  
11 effectivity of this Act, the Board, subject to approval by the Commission, and in coordination  
12 with the APO, shall prescribe, promulgate and issue a Board resolution on the IRR of this Act  
13 and which shall be effective fifteen (15) days after their publication in the *Official Gazette* or in  
14 any newspaper of general circulation.  
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16           **SEC. 42. Separability Clause.** - If any provision, section or part of this Act shall be  
17 declared unconstitutional *or* invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate or impair any  
18 other provisions, sections or parts hereof.  
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20           **SEC. 43. Repealing Clause.** - Republic Act No. 6506, otherwise known as "An Act  
21 Creating the Board of Examiners for Criminologists in the Philippines and for Other Purposes",  
22 is hereby repealed. All other laws, decrees, orders, letters of instruction, rules and regulations or  
23 other issuances, and parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are likewise  
24 repealed or modified accordingly.  
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26           **SEC. 44. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
27 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,