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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The K-12 Enhanced Education Program was designed, among others, to solve the ballooning unemployment in the country by arming students with true mastery of basic competencies and necessary skills to enter into the work force.

Less than half of all high school graduates finish college and even less earn a baccalaureate degree due to financial constraints. Graduates of the K-12 program, however, were assured that they stand a chance even without a college degree.

This bill seeks to level the playing field for the children of poor families who cannot afford to send them to college by lowering the education requirement for police applicants.

Graduates of the K-12 program may be admitted to the Philippine National Police (PNP) provided that the applicant pass all the examinations, including the entrance test administered by the National Police Commission.

The PNP, as mandated by Republic Act 8551, only accepts college graduates for recruits.

Applicants are still required to adhere to the PNP's general qualifications, which include the height, weight and age requirement, among others.

Approval of the measure is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT  
BROADENING THE OPPORTUNITIES OF FILIPINO YOUTH BY  
ALLOWING GRADUATES OF K-12 ENHANCED EDUCATION IN THE  
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
THE PNP LAW, RA 6975 AS AMENDED BY RA 8551**

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

SECTION 1. It is a declared policy of the State that the youth plays a vital role in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage, their involvement in public and civic affairs, through this legislation, the opportunities for Filipino youth is broadened by opening the admission of the Philippine National Police to graduates of K-12 enhanced education program.

SECTION 2. The existing provision on General Qualifications for Appointment in NP in RA 6975 as amended by RA 8551 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- a) A citizen of the Philippines;
- b) A person of good moral conduct;
- c) Must have passed the psychiatric/psychological, drug and physical tests to be administered by the PNP or by any NAPOLCOM accredited government hospital for the purpose of determining physical and mental health;
- d) Must HAVE COMPLETED THE K-12 ENHANCED EDUCATION PROGRAM [possess a formal baccalaureate degree from a recognized institution of learning];
- e) Must be eligible in accordance with the standards set by the Commission;
- f) Must not have been dishonorably discharged from the military employment or dismissed for cause from any civilian position in the Government;
- g) Must not have been convicted by final judgment of an offense or crime involving moral turpitude;
- h) Must be at least one meter and sixty-two centimeters (1.62 m.) in height for male and one meter and fifty-seven centimeters (1.57 m.) for female;

- i) Must weight not more or less than five kilograms (5 kgs.) from the standard weight corresponding to his or her height, age, and sex; and
- j) For a new applicant, must not be less than twenty-one (21) nor more than thirty (30) years of age: except for the last qualification, the above-enumerated qualifications shall be continuing in character and a absence of any one of them at any given time shall be a ground for separation or retirement from the service: Provided, that PNP members who are already in the service upon the effectivity of this Act shall be given at least two (2) more years to obtain the minimum educational qualification and one (1) year to satisfy the weight requirement.

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SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,