

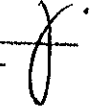
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act 6975, also known as the "Department of Interior and Local Government Act of 1990", as amended, 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) a continuing pool of criminology graduates, professional criminologist and criminology experts who have complied with existing policies and standards in their respective fields of expertise established by the government through the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). By enacting this amendment, we will be able to encourage institutions of higher education to supplement the training programs of the PNP Academy and provide PNP with additional recruitment candidates who are ready to contribute to our police force.

With this innovation we would be able to provide additional options to the PNP on developing its human resources towards a more efficient and effective services in the fields of law enforcement, criminal justice system administration, public security and safety administration.¹


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2 follows:

3 Section 32. *Examination of Policemen.* - The National Police
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8 **BY THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED)**
9 **SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ENLIST OR BE APPOINTED AS**
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12 **TAKING THE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION.**

13 SECTION 2. Section 33 of Republic Act No. 6975 is, hereby, amended to read as
14 follows:

1 Section 33. *Lateral Entry of Officers into the PNP.* - In general, all
2 original appointments of commissioned officers in the PNP shall
3 commence with the rank of Inspector, to include all those with highly
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18 SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
19 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
20 provisions hereof.

21 SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
22 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to
23 or is inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended
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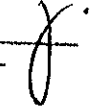
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