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AN ACT  
REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF CRIMINOLOGY PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 6506, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT CREATING THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR CRIMINOLOGISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES."

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

ARTICLE I

1 TITLE, POLICY, OBJECTIVES, TERMS AND PRACTICE

2 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as "*The Philippine Criminology*  
3 *Profession Act of 2015*".

4 SEC. 2. *Statement of Policy.* – The State recognizes the importance of  
5 criminology profession in national security, public safety, peace and order, and in  
6 nation-building and development. Hence, it shall develop and nurture competent,  
7 virtuous, productive and well-rounded criminologists whose standards of professional  
8 practice and service shall be excellent, qualitative, world-class and globally  
9 competitive through sacred, honest, effective and credible licensure examinations,  
10 coupled with programs and activities that would promote professional growth and  
11 development.

12 SEC. 3. *Objectives.* – This Act shall govern:

13 (a) The examination, registration and licensure for criminologists;

- 1 (b) The supervision, control and regulation of the practice of criminology;
- 2 (c) The standardization and regulation of criminology education;
- 3 (d) The development of the professional competence of criminologists through  
4 Continuing Professional Development (CPD); and
- 5 (e) The integration of all professional criminology groups through the  
6 mandatory membership of all registered criminologists in the Accredited Integrated  
7 Professional Organization (AIPO) of criminologists.

8 **SEC. 4. Definition of Terms.** – As used in this Act, the following terms shall  
9 be defined as follows:

10 (a) *AIPO* - refers to the Accredited Integrated Professional Organization of  
11 criminologists which the Professional Regulatory Board of Criminology created  
12 hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the Board, shall recognized and accredited as  
13 the one and only integrated national organization of criminologists, subject to the  
14 approval of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), hereinafter referred to as  
15 the Commission created under Republic Act No. 8981, otherwise known as the “PRC  
16 Modernization Act of 2000”.

17 (b) *BOARD* - refers to the Professional Regulatory Board of Criminology  
18 created hereunder.

19 (c) *CHED* – refers to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) created  
20 under Republic Act No. 7722 otherwise known as “Higher Education Act of 1994”. (d)  
21 *Commission* – refers to Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) hereinafter  
22 referred to as the Commission created under Republic Act No. 8981, otherwise known  
23 as the “PRC Modernization Act of 2000”.

24 (e) *Criminology* - refers to the scientific study of crimes, criminals, and victims,  
25 it also deals with the prevention, and solution of crimes.

26 (f) *Criminology Technical Panel* – A panel composed of the President of the  
27 AIPO, the Chairperson of the Board of Criminology, one from the academe, and two

1 from the Law Enforcement agencies. It shall assist the CHED in the formulation of  
2 policy standards, and monitoring of the criminology education in the country.

3 (g) *Profession* - refers to the art and science in the practice of criminology  
4 discipline:

5 (h) *Registered Criminologist* - refers to a natural person who holds a valid  
6 certificate of registration and an updated professional identification card as  
7 criminologist issued by the Board and the Commission pursuant to this Act.

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

10 (a) In line with the practice of profession or occupation as a law enforcement  
11 administrator, executive, adviser, consultant, officer, investigator, agent or employee in  
12 any private or government agencies performing law enforcement and quasi-police  
13 functions at the Philippine National Police (PNP), the National Bureau of Investigation  
14 (NBI), the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), the Bureau of Fire Protection  
15 (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Provincial Jail, Bureau of  
16 Corrections (BUCOR), Probation and Parole Administration (PPA), the Bureau of  
17 Internal Revenue (BIR), the Bureau of Customs (BoC), the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas  
18 (BSP), other government and private banks, the Philippine Postal Corporation (PPC),  
19 the Sea and Air Marshalls, the VIP Security, Airport and Seaport Police, the National  
20 Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), the Intelligence Service of the Armed  
21 Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP), and other intelligence service or agencies of the  
22 government exercising similar functions;

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

1 (c) As a technician, examiner/criminalist, or specialist in dactyloscopy,  
2 questioned document, deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), lie detection, firearms  
3 identification, forensic photography, forensic chemistry and other scientific crime  
4 detection and investigation methods;

5 (d) As a correctional administrator, executive, supervisor, or officer in any  
6 rehabilitation, correctional, and penal institution or facility, and in any community-  
7 based corrections, and rehabilitation agencies and/or programs;

8 (e) As a counsellor, consultant, adviser or researcher in any government or  
9 private agency on any aspect of criminological research or project involving the causes  
10 of crime, children in conflict with the law, treatment of offenders, police operations,  
11 law enforcement administration, scientific criminal investigation or public safety and  
12 national security administration; and

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

16 The Board, in consultation with the AIPO and the Academe, subject to the  
17 approval of the Commission, may revise, modify, exclude from or add to the above  
18 enumerated acts or activities as the need arises to conform with the latest trends in the  
19 practice of criminology in the country and worldwide.

20 **ARTICLE II**  
21 **PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD FOR CRIMINOLOGISTS**

22 **SEC. 6. *Creation and Composition of the Professional Regulatory Board for***  
23 ***Criminologists.*** – There is hereby created a Professional Regulatory Board for  
24 Criminologists, a collegial body under the administrative supervision and control of the  
25 Commission, to be composed of a Chairperson and four (4) members appointed by the  
26 President of the Philippines from a list of three (3) recommendees for each position,  
27 chosen and ranked by the Commission from a list of three (3) nominees for every  
28 position indorsed by the accredited integrated professional organization of  
29 criminologists. The new Board shall be organized not later than six (6) months from  
30 the effectivity of this Act.

1                   **SEC. 7. *Qualifications of the Chairperson and Members of the Board.*** – The  
2 Chairperson and each member shall, at the time of their appointment, possess all these  
3 qualifications:

- 4                   (a) Must be a natural-born Filipino citizen and a resident of the Philippines;
- 5                   (b) Must be of good moral character, good reputation and of sound mind and body;
- 6                   (c) Not convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of any offense involving moral  
7                   turpitude;
- 8                   (d) Must be a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Criminology, and a holder of a Post-  
9                   Graduate Degree in Criminology or a Lawyer in any reputable school recognized  
10                  by CHED;
- 11                  (e) Must be a registered criminologist with a valid certificate of registration and a valid  
12                  professional identification card, having at least ten (10) years of practice in the  
13                  profession prior to the appointment including no less than two (2)-years teaching  
14                  experience of criminology or law subjects in full-time or part-time capacity in the  
15                  college of criminology or college of law recognized by the government through the  
16                  CHED;
- 17                  (f) Must be a member in good standing of the AIPO but not an incumbent officer or  
18                  trustee thereof; and
- 19                  (g) Must not be a current member of the faculty of any school, college or university  
20                  where a regular class or review course in criminology is offered, nor a current  
21                  member of the staff of reviewers in a review school or center, and must not have  
22                  any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any such institution. The terms *current*  
23                  *member of the faculty* and *current member of the staff of reviewers* shall refer to  
24                  someone who has taught in the subject institution within one (1) year from the date  
25                  of his contemplated appointment and/or who is expected to return to his teaching  
26                  position after a break or leave of any length therefrom.

27                   **SEC. 8. *Term of Office.*** – The Chairperson and members of the Board shall  
28 hold office for a term of three (3) years from the date of appointment or until their  
29 successors shall have been qualified and appointed. They may be reappointed to the

1 same office for another term of three (3) years immediately after the expiry of their  
2 term: *Provided*, That the holding of such position shall not be more than two (2) terms  
3 nor more than six (6) years, whichever is longer: *Provided, further*, That the first Board  
4 under this Act shall hold these terms of office: the Chairperson for three (3) years, the  
5 first two members for two (2) years, and the second two (2) members for one (1) year:  
6 *Provided, furthermore*, That any appointee to a vacancy with an unexpired period shall  
7 only serve such period. The Chairperson and the members shall duly take their oath of  
8 office.

9 **SEC. 9. Compensation, Allowances and Other Benefits.** – The Chairperson  
10 and members of the Board shall receive compensation, allowances and other benefits  
11 comparable to that being received by the Chairpersons and members of other  
12 Professional Regulatory Boards under the Commission as provided for under Section  
13 10 of Republic Act No. 8981 and other existing laws.

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

- 18 (a) To administer, supervise, and monitor the conduct of the licensure examination,  
19 registration, membership in the AIPO and the practice of criminology in  
20 accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- 21 (b) To receive complaints and decide matters as to the malpractices and unethical  
22 conduct in the practice of the criminology profession;
- 23 (c) To promulgate and issue rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this  
24 Act;
- 25 (d) To promulgate and adopt Code of Ethics and/or Code of Professional and  
26 Technical Standards for the practice of criminology;
- 27 (e) To adopt an official seal of the Board;
- 28 (f) To prescribe and promulgate guidelines on the conduct of a CPD program for  
29 criminologists in consultation with the AIPO ;

- 1 (g) To promulgate, adopt or amend the syllabi and tables of specifications of the  
2 subjects for the licensure examination/s in consultation with the AIPO, the  
3 academe, and the CHED Criminology Technical Panel, prepare questions for the  
4 licensure examination which shall strictly be within the scope of the syllabi of the  
5 subjects for examination, as well as administer and correct, and release the results  
6 of the licensure examinations;
- 7 (h) To issue, suspend, revoke, cancel and/or reinstate the certificate of registration of  
8 the registered criminologist and temporary or special permit granted to foreign  
9 criminologist;
- 10 (i) To administer oaths in the performance of its functions such as, but not limited to,  
11 the oath of the profession to successful examinees in licensure examination for  
12 criminologist together with the AIPO in an appropriate mass oath-taking  
13 ceremony to be held for the purpose;
- 14 (j) To monitor the conditions affecting the practice of criminology and whenever  
15 necessary, adopt such measure as may be deemed proper for the enhancement of  
16 the profession and the maintenance of high professional, ethical and technical  
17 standards; for this purpose, the members of the Board, duly authorized by the  
18 Commission, may conduct ocular inspection of establishments where criminology  
19 is practiced, and recommend sanctions as it may deem proper to the appropriate  
20 concerned government agencies;
- 21 (k) To monitor all colleges and universities offering criminology program and  
22 recommend sanctions to CHED or to other authorized government offices for non-  
23 compliance with the policies, standards, and requirements as to faculty  
24 qualifications, laboratory and library facilities and equipment, research out-puts,  
25 curriculum and the administration of the criminology education.
- 26 (l) To hear and investigate cases on violations of this Act, its implementing rules  
27 and regulations (IRR), the Code of Ethics, the Code of Professional and  
28 Technical Standards and other policies, and for this purpose, to issue summons,  
29 subpoena *ad testificandum* and subpoena *duces tecum* to alleged violators  
30 and/or witnesses to compel their attendance in such hearings or investigations  
31 and the production of documents in connection therewith;

- 1 (m) To delegate to the Commission the hearing or investigation of cases against  
2 the alleged violators: *Provided*, That the hearing or investigation of cases  
3 wherein the issue or question involved strictly concerns the technical practice  
4 of criminology shall be presided over by at least one (1) member of the Board  
5 assisted by a Legal or Hearing Officer of the Commission;
- 6 (n) To recommend to the Commission the endorsement of cases involving criminal  
7 violations of this Act, it's IRR, and other laws to the Prosecution Office or  
8 appropriate government agency, for investigation and appropriate action;
- 9 (o) To disqualify applicants for the licensure examination who has been previously  
10 convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude with finality. To hear and decide  
11 administrative cases against the examinees or registered criminologists if they  
12 have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude: *Provided*, That if they  
13 are found guilty, the Board shall cancel their examination papers and/or preclude  
14 them from taking another licensure examination, or to revoke/suspend their  
15 certificates of registration and cause the surrender of their professional  
16 identification card subject to the rules and regulation of the PRC: *Provided*,  
17 *further*, That the decision of the Board shall, unless appealed to the Commission,  
18 become final and executory after fifteen (15) days from receipt of notice of  
19 judgment or decision;
- 20 (p) To conduct, through Legal or Hearing Officers, summary proceedings or hearings  
21 against the examinees who commit violations of this Act, its IRR, any of the  
22 Codes aforementioned, including violation of the General Instructions to  
23 Examinees, and to render summary judgment thereon which shall, unless appealed  
24 to the Commission, become final and executory after fifteen (15) days from receipt  
25 of notice of judgment or decision;
- 26 (q) To prepare an annual report of accomplishments on programs, projects and  
27 activities of the Board for submission to the Commission after the close of each  
28 calendar year and make appropriate recommendations to the Commission on  
29 issues or problems affecting the criminology profession; and
- 30 (r) To exercise such other powers as may be provided by law as well as those which  
31 may be implied from, or which are incidental or necessary to the effective carrying



1 out of the express powers granted to the Board to achieve the objectives and  
2 purposes of this Act. The resolutions, rules and regulations and other policies  
3 issued and promulgated by the Board shall be subject for review and approval by  
4 the Commission. However, the Board's decisions, resolutions or orders rendered  
5 in an administrative case shall be subject to review only if on appeal.

6 **SEC. 11. *Grounds for Removal or Suspension of Board***  
7 ***Chairperson/Member.*** – The President of the Philippines, upon the recommendation of  
8 the Commission, after due process and administrative investigation conducted by the  
9 Commission, may remove or suspend the Chairperson or member of the Board on any  
10 of the following grounds:

- 11 (a) Gross neglect, incompetence or dishonesty in the discharge of one's duty;
- 12 (b) Commission of any of the causes/grounds and the prohibited acts provided in this  
13 Act and the offenses in the Revised Penal Code, the Anti-Graft and Corrupt  
14 Practices Act, and other laws;
- 15 (c) Manipulation or rigging of the results in the licensure examination for  
16 criminologists, disclosure of secret and confidential information on the  
17 examination questions prior to the conduct thereof, or tampering of grades; and
- 18 (d) Conviction with final judgment of any crime involving moral turpitude. The  
19 Commission, in the conduct of the investigation, shall be guided by Section 7(s)  
20 of Republic Act No. 8981, the rules on administrative investigation, and the  
21 applicable provisions of the Revised Rules of Court.

22 **SEC. 12. *Administrative Supervision of the Board; Provision of Support***  
23 ***Services.*** – The Board shall be under the administrative supervision of the Commission.  
24 The Commission shall keep all records of the Board including applications for  
25 examination, examination papers and results, minutes of deliberation and  
26 administrative cases. The Commission shall designate the Secretary of the Board and  
27 shall provide the other support services to the Board in order to implement the  
28 provisions of this Act.

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**ARTICLE III**

**EXAMINATION, REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE**

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

**SEC. 14. *Qualifications of an Applicant for the Licensure Examination.*** – An applicant for the licensure examination for criminologist shall satisfactorily prove that he or she possesses the following qualifications:

- (a) Must be a citizen of the Philippines or a foreign citizen whose country/state has reciprocity with the Philippines in the practice of criminology;
- (b) Must be of good moral character, good reputation and of sound mind and body certified by the school where he graduated and the barangay where he lives, unless the examinee is a foreign national, in which case a certification from any professional of good standing will do;
- (c) Must hold a bachelor's degree in criminology under a program or curriculum duly accredited by the CHED and conferred by a school/college/university duly authorized by the government or its equivalent degree obtained by either a Filipino or foreign citizen from an institution of learning in a foreign country/state: *Provided, That it is duly recognized and/or accredited by the CHED;*
- (d) Must not have been convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude by a court of competent jurisdiction; and
- (e) Those who failed five (5) times whether consecutive or cumulative in the criminologist licensure examination must present a certification issued by a reputable institution duly recognized by CHED that such applicant have satisfactorily completed a refresher course in criminology.

1                    **SEC. 15. *Subjects for Licensure Examination.*** – The licensure examination  
2 for criminologists shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

3	SUBJECTS	RELATIVE WEIGHT
4	<b>(a) CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE AND PROCEDURE:</b>	
5	Criminal Law (Book I); Criminal Law (Book II); Related	
6	Special Penal Laws; Criminal Procedure; Evidence;	
7	Court Testimony.....	20%
8	<b>(b) LAW ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION:</b>	
9	Police Organization and Administration,	
10	Police Planning; Police Patrol Operations,	
11	Police Communication System; Police Intelligence;	
12	Police Personnel and Records Management;	
13	Comparative Police Systems;	
14	Industrial Security Management. ....	20%
15	<b>(c) CRIME DETECTION AND INVESTIGATION:</b>	
16	Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation;	
17	Special Crime, Organized Crime Investigation;	
18	Fire Technology and Arson Investigation;	
19	Traffic Management and Accident	
20	Investigation; Drug Education and Investigation;	
21	Vice Control .....	15%
22	<b>(d) CRIMINALISTICS:</b>	
23	Forensic Photography; Personal Identification;	

1 Forensic Medicine; Polygraphy; Examination;

2 Forensic Ballistics; Questioned Documents.....20%

3 **(e) CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION:**

4 Institutional Corrections; Non-Institutional

5 Corrections .....10%

6 **(f) CRIMINAL SOCIOLOGY:**

7 Introduction to Criminology and Psychology of Crimes;

8 Philippine Criminal Justice System; Ethics and Values;

9 Juvenile Delinquency and Crime Prevention;

10 Human Behavior and Crisis Management;

11 Criminological Research and Statistics .....15%

12 The Board, in consultation with the AIPO, the academe and CHED Criminology  
 13 Technical Panel and subject to the approval of the Commission, may revise or exclude  
 14 any of the subjects with their corresponding percentages and their syllabi, and add new  
 15 ones as the need arises to conform with technological changes brought about by  
 16 developing trends in the profession in the country and worldwide.

17 The Board may also change or revise any of the above subjects in the event the  
 18 Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall correspondingly change the  
 19 curriculum prescribed for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Criminology.  
 20 In the conduct of the examination, the Board, in its discretion, may give practical and  
 21 field examinations in each subject, as it may deem fit.

22 **SEC. 16. Persons to Teach Subjects for Licensure Examination.** – All subjects  
 23 for the licensure examination shall be taught by a registered criminologist who is a  
 24 holder of a valid certificate of registration and updated professional identification card  
 25 for criminologist, AIPO membership, and CPD required units earned, and who meet  
 26 other CHED requirements. Other duly licensed professionals in fields allied to

1 Criminology may also be allowed by the CHED to teach subjects within the scope of  
2 their respective professions.

3 **SEC. 17. *Rating in the Licensure Examination.*** – To pass the licensure  
4 examination for criminologist, a candidate must obtain a weighted average rating of  
5 seventy-five percent (75%) with no grade less than sixty percent (60%) in any given  
6 subject. In case the examinee obtains a weighted average rating of seventy-five percent  
7 (75%) but, has a grade below sixty percent (60%) in any of the subjects, the result of  
8 the examinee shall be deferred, and be required to retake that particular subject/s. The  
9 deferred examinee shall only be allowed to re-take once within two (2) years from the  
10 date of the examination, and shall be required to obtain a grade not lower than eighty  
11 percent (80%) on the subject, to be considered to have passed the licensure examination.  
12 If the examinee failed to retake after the lapse of two (2) years or failed to get the  
13 passing mark of 80%, the examinee shall retake all the board subjects.

14 Any examinee who failed three (3) or more board subjects shall be deemed to  
15 have failed the board examination.

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

19 **SEC. 19. *Oath.*** – All successful candidates of the licensure examination shall  
20 take their oath of profession in person before the Board or any of its members, and with  
21 the AIPO in an oath-taking ceremony held for such purpose. Any person authorized by  
22 law may administer oath to any successful examinees only upon membership of the  
23 AIPO prior to entering the practice of the profession.

24 **SEC. 20. *Issuance of Certificate of Registration and Professional***  
25 ***Identification Card.*** – A certificate of registration shall be issued to those who shall  
26 register, subject to payment of fees prescribed by the Commission. It shall bear the  
27 signatures of the Chairperson and the Commissioners of the Commission and the  
28 Chairperson and members of the Board, stamped with the official seal of the  
29 Commission and of the Board, certifying that the person named therein is entitled to  
30 practice the criminology profession with all the privileges appurtenant thereto. It shall

1 remain in full force and effect until withdrawn, suspended or revoked in accordance  
2 with this Act.

3 A professional identification card bearing the registration number and date, its  
4 validity, and expiry duly signed by the Chairperson of the Commission shall likewise  
5 be issued to every registrant who has paid the prescribed fee. It shall be reissued after  
6 every three (3) years upon payment by the registrant of the prescribed fees, presentation  
7 of a certification of the units required to be earned in the continuing professional  
8 development (CPD) program for the profession, and upon certification by the AIPO  
9 that the registrant is as a member in good standing of the organization.

10 **SEC. 21. *Refusal to Issue Certificate of Registration and Professional***  
11 ***Identification Card or Temporary/Special Permit.*** – The Board shall not register any  
12 successful applicant for registration who has been:

- 13 (a) Convicted with finality of a crime involving moral turpitude by a court of  
14 competent jurisdiction;
- 15 (b) Found guilty of immoral or dishonorable conduct by the Board;
- 16 (c) Adjudged guilty for violation of the General Instruction to Examinees by the  
17 Board; and
- 18 (d) Declared of unsound mind by a court of competent jurisdiction.

19 In refusing such registration, the Board shall give the applicant a written statement  
20 clearly setting forth the reasons for such refusal and shall file a copy thereof in its  
21 records.

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

- 1 (a) Violation of any provision of this Act, its IRR, the Code of Ethics, the Code of  
2 Professional and Technical Standards, or the duly published policies of the Board  
3 and/or the Commission;
- 4 (b) Conviction of a crime with finality involving moral turpitude;
- 5 (c) Perpetration, commission or use of fraud in obtaining one's certificate of  
6 registration, professional identification card or temporary/special permit;
- 7 (d) Gross incompetence, negligence or ignorance resulting to death or injury of a  
8 person, or serious damage to property;
- 9 (e) Nonrenewal of the professional identification card for a period exceeding six years  
10 (6 years) with the PRC without justifiable cause;
- 11 (f) Aiding or abetting the illegal practice of a non-registered criminologist by allowing  
12 the use of one's certificate of registration and/or professional identification card or  
13 temporary/special permit;
- 14 (g) Illegally practicing the profession during the suspension from the practice thereof;
- 15 (h) Addiction to drugs or alcohol impairing one's ability to practice the profession or  
16 a declaration by a court of competent jurisdiction that the registrant is of unsound  
17 mind; and
- 18 (i) Persistent refusal to comply with the CPD and AIPO requirements, unless one is  
19 exempted therefrom, for the renewal of the professional identification card.

20 The Board shall periodically evaluate the aforementioned grounds and revise or  
21 exclude or add new ones as the need arises to keep up with the developments in the  
22 practice of the profession and subject to approval by the Commission.

23 Any person, firm or association may file charge/s in accordance with the  
24 provision of this section against any registrant, and the Board may investigate  
25 commission of any of the abovementioned causes. An affidavit-complaint shall be filed  
26 together with the affidavits of witnesses and other documentary evidence with the  
27 Board through the Legal and Investigation Office. The conduct of an investigation *motu*

1           *proprio* shall be embodied in a formal charge to be signed by at least majority of the  
2 members of the Board.

3           The rules on administrative investigation issued by the Commission shall  
4 govern the hearing or investigation, subject to applicable provisions of this Act,  
5 Republic Act No. 8981 and the Rules of Court.

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

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

18           **SEC. 24. *Non-payment of the Annual Registration Fees.*** – The Board may  
19 suspend a registered criminologist from the practice of the profession, or have the use  
20 his or her license as eligibility equivalent for promotion, whether in government service  
21 or in the private sector, for non-payment of the registration fees for two (2) consecutive  
22 registration periods from the last or previous year of payment. Other penalties and/or  
23 surcharges may be determined and imposed by the Commission after promulgation and  
24 due publication.

25           **SEC. 25. *Renewal of Professional Identification Card.*** – The professional  
26 identification card shall be renewed only upon the completion of the prescribed  
27 minimum units of the CPD program by the registrant from the AIPO or any accredited  
28 provider authorized by the Board and/or the Commission.

29           **SEC. 26. *Vested Rights; Automatic Registration.*** – All criminologists  
30 registered at the time of the effectivity of this Act shall automatically be registered



1 hereunder, subject to the provisions herein set forth as to future requirements.  
2 Certificates of registration and professional identification cards or temporary/special  
3 permits held by such persons in good standing at such effectivity date shall have the  
4 same force and effect as though they were issued on or after the said effectivity up to  
5 and until the expiry date thereof.

6 **ARTICLE IV**  
7 **PRACTICE OF CRIMINOLOGY**

8 **SEC. 27. *Lawful Practitioners of Criminology.*** – The following persons shall  
9 be authorized to practice the criminology profession:

10 **(a) Natural persons:**

11 (1) Duly registered criminologists and holders of valid certificates of  
12 registration and valid professional identification cards issued by the Board  
13 and the Commission pursuant to this Act; and

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

16 **(b) Juridical persons:**

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

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

22 (3) Corporation duly registered with the SEC as engaged in the practice of  
23 criminology and with the key officers and members of the Board of  
24 Directors who are all registered criminologists; and

25 (4) Association and cooperative duly registered with the appropriate  
26 government agency as a non-stock corporation where majority of the  
27 officers, Board of Trustees and members are registered criminologists.

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

3           **SEC. 28. *Seal, Issuance and Use of Seal.*** – There shall be a seal to be  
4 exclusively and legitimately used by the practitioners of the criminology profession  
5 which shall be distributed by the Board through the AIPO.

6           **SEC. 29. *Foreign Reciprocity.*** – No foreigner shall be allowed to take the  
7 licensure examination for criminologists, register, receive one's certificate of  
8 registration and professional identification card, and practice criminology in the  
9 Philippines unless the requirements for the licensure examination and/or registration  
10 and practice of criminology imposed under the laws and regulations in the foreign  
11 country/state where he or she is a citizen, subject or national are substantially the same  
12 as those required and contemplated by the Philippine laws and regulations, and unless  
13 such foreign laws and/or regulations allow Philippine citizens to practice criminology  
14 within the territory of the said foreign country/state on the same basis and grant the  
15 same privileges as those enjoyed by the citizens, subjects or nationals thereof.

16           **SEC. 30. *Practice Through Temporary/Special Permit.*** – Temporary/Special  
17 permit may be issued by the Board, subject to the approval by the Commission and  
18 payment of fees the latter has prescribed, to the following:

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

21           (1) If they are internationally known criminologists or experts in any  
22 branch, specialty or allied field of criminology; and

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

27           (b) Registered criminologists from foreign countries/states whose services shall  
28 be free and limited to indigent clients in need of such service as part of an outreach  
29 program or socio-civic work; and

1 (c) Registered criminologists from foreign countries/states employed as  
2 exchange professors in a branch, specialty or allied field of criminology, in schools,  
3 colleges or universities offering the course of criminology.

4 The permit shall, among other things, contain these limitations and conditions  
5 for a period of not more than one (1) year, subject to renewal: the branch or specialty  
6 of criminology and the specific place of practice such as clinic, hospital, center, school,  
7 college or university offering the course of criminology.

8 The Board, subject to the approval of the Commission, shall promulgate rules  
9 and regulations on the implementation of this particular section.

10 **SEC. 31. Indication of Numbers: Certificate of Registration, Professional Tax**  
11 **Receipt and AIPO Membership.** – The practitioner of the criminology profession shall  
12 be required to indicate the certificate of registration number and date of issuance, the  
13 expiry of the current professional identification card, the professional tax receipt  
14 number and date, and the AIPO membership number and date with official receipt  
15 number and date of membership payment (annual/lifetime) on the documents her or she  
16 signs, uses or issues in connection with the practice of the profession.

17 **SEC. 32. Roster of Registered Criminologists.** – The Board shall prepare and  
18 maintain a roster showing the names, residence and/or office address of all registered  
19 criminologists, which shall be updated annually in cooperation with the AIPO,  
20 indicating therein the status of the certificate of registration, professional identification  
21 card and AIPO membership. The roster shall be made available to any party as may be  
22 deemed necessary.

23 **SEC. 33. Integration of Registered Criminologists.** – The registered  
24 criminologists shall be integrated into one (1) national organization of criminologists  
25 that is duly registered with the SEC. The Board, subject to the approval by the  
26 Commission, shall accredit the organization as the one and only accredited and  
27 integrated national professional organization of criminologists: *Provided*, that its  
28 continued accreditation is subject to compliance with the periodic requirements and  
29 standards set forth by the Commission.

1 All criminologists whose names appear in the Registry Book of Criminologists  
2 shall *ipso facto* or automatically become members thereof and shall receive therefrom  
3 all the benefits and privileges upon payment of AIPO membership fees and dues.  
4 Membership in any other affiliate organizations of criminologists shall not be barred.

## 5 ARTICLE V

### 6 PRIVILEGES OF REGISTERED CRIMINOLOGISTS

7 SEC. 34. *Privileges of Registered Criminologists.* – All registered  
8 criminologists shall be exempt from taking any other entrance or qualifying government  
9 or civil service examinations and shall be considered civil service eligible to the  
10 following government positions, among others: (1) Dactylographer; (2) Ballistician; (3)  
11 Questioned Document Examiner; (4) Forensic Photographer; (5) Polygraph Examiner;  
12 (6) Probation Officer; (7) Parole Officer; (8) Special Investigator; (9) Special Agent;  
13 (10) Investigative Agent; (11) Intelligence Agent; (12) Law Enforcement Evaluation  
14 Officer; (13) National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) Inspector; (14) Traffic  
15 Operation Officer; (15) Associate Graft Investigation Officer; (16) Special Police  
16 Officer; (17) Safekeeping Officer; (18) Sheriff; (19) Security Officer; (20) Criminal  
17 Investigator; (21) Warden; (22) Reformation Officer; (23) Firefighter; (24) Fire  
18 Marshall; (25) Jail Officer up to the rank of Jail Superintendent; (26) Police Officer up  
19 to the rank of Police Superintendent and other similar positions of Law Enforcement  
20 agencies, and agencies under the Criminal Justice System.

21 SEC. 35. *Preference of Appointment in Government Criminal Justice and*  
22 *Other Government Institutions.* – Registered criminologists shall enjoy priority of  
23 appointment and shall not be required to take any qualifying or entrance examinations  
24 in the PNP, the NBI, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), the Bureau  
25 of Fire Protection (BFP), the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and other government  
26 positions related to criminology, police and law enforcement work, investigations and  
27 security, corrections and public safety of the following bureaus, departments,  
28 institutions or agencies of the government: the Department of Justice (DOJ); the  
29 Commission on Human Rights (CHR); the Office of the Ombudsman; the Philippine  
30 Ports Authority (PPA); the Commission on Elections (COMELEC); the Bureau of  
31 Treasury (BoT); the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR); the  
32 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); the Department of

1 Tourism (DOT), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); the Armed Forces of the  
2 Philippines (AFP); the Bureau of Immigration (BOI); the Bureau of Customs (BoC);  
3 the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC); the Air  
4 Transportation Office (ATO) and the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines  
5 (CAAP); the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP); the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR);  
6 the CHED; the City/Municipal Security Office; the Provincial Jail; the Provincial  
7 Security Office; the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA); the Supreme  
8 Court and lower courts; the Security Consultation; the Social Security System; the  
9 National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM); the Autonomous Region in Muslim  
10 Mindanao (ARMM); the Optical Media Board; the Intellectual Property Rights Office;  
11 the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA); the Public Attorney's Office  
12 (PAO); the Philippine Postal Corporation (PPC); government-owned and -controlled  
13 corporations and other government agencies with positions involving the practice of  
14 criminology.

15 **SEC. 36. Lateral Entry of Registered Criminologists.** – Registered  
16 criminologists who are not in the government service shall be eligible and shall be given  
17 preference for appointment via lateral entry as Police, Fire, and Jail Inspectors or its  
18 equivalent in the PDEA, NBI, and other law enforcement agencies: *Provided*, That they  
19 possess the general qualifications for appointment as provided in the existing laws on  
20 appointment of police or law enforcement officers in the PNP, BJMP, BFP, PDEA, or  
21 NBI: *Provided, further*, That those who are already in the police, fire, and jail service  
22 as non-commissioned officers and who are already registered and licensed  
23 criminologists shall be given preference for lateral entry.

24 **SEC. 37. Penal Clause.** – A fine of not less than One hundred thousand pesos  
25 (P100,000.00) nor more than Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00), or  
26 imprisonment for not less than two (2) years and one (1) day nor more than six (6)  
27 years, or both, at the discretion of the court, shall be imposed upon any person who  
28 shall commit any of the following acts:

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

- 1 (b) Using or Attempting to use the seal, certificate of registration and professional  
2 identification card of a registered criminologist or temporary/special permit issued  
3 to a foreign criminologist;
- 4 (c) Abetting the illegal practice of criminology by an unregistered or unauthorized  
5 person;
- 6 (d) Securing through false information or fraudulent means certificate of registration  
7 and professional identification card or temporary/special permit as a criminologist;
- 8 (e) Impersonating a registered criminologist or a holder of a temporary/special permit;  
9 and
- 10 (f) Violating any provision of this Act or the IRR thereof.

11 Where the violator is a juridical person, the President, Managing Director, General  
12 Manager and/or key officers and members of the Board of Directors and other officers  
13 of the corporation who were aware of and/or are responsible for the violation shall be  
14 held liable.

15 **SEC. 38. *Enforcement.*** – In carrying out the provisions of this Act, the Board  
16 shall be assisted by the Commission, the AIPO, other duly constituted government  
17 agencies, instrumentalities and authorities and private organizations in the industry.

18 **SEC. 39. *Appropriations.*** – The Chairperson of the PRC shall immediately  
19 include in the Commission's programs the required budget for the implementation of  
20 this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations  
21 Act.

22 **SEC. 40. *Transitory Provision.*** – The incumbent Board shall, in an interim  
23 capacity, continue to operate or function by carrying out the provisions of the Act  
24 without need of new appointments of the Chairperson and members thereof until the  
25 first Board created under this Act shall have been constituted or organized pursuant  
26 thereto.

27 **SEC. 41. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).*** – Within ninety (90)  
28 days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board, subject to approval by the Commission,

1 and in coordination with the AIPO and other relevant agencies and/or entities, shall  
2 prescribe, promulgate and issue a Board resolution on the IRR of this Act, which shall  
3 be effective fifteen (15) days after their publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2)  
4 newspaper of general circulation in the country.

5 **SEC. 42. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision, section or part of this Act  
6 shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate  
7 or impair any other provisions, sections or parts hereof, which shall remain valid and  
8 in full force and effect.

9 **SEC. 43. *Repealing Clause.*** – Republic Act No. 6506, otherwise known as “An  
10 Act Creating the Board of Examiners for Criminologists in the Philippines and for Other  
11 Purposes”, is hereby repealed. All other laws, Republic Acts, Decrees, Orders, letters  
12 of instruction, rules and regulations or other proclamations and/or issuances, and parts  
13 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are likewise repealed or modified  
14 accordingly.

15 **SEC. 44. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
16 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspaper of general circulation in  
17 the country.

Approved.