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S. No. 1684

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AN ACT

DECLARING THE CONFERMENT OF A DOCTORATE DEGREE AS
EQUIVALENT TO ENTRY LEVEL CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE OFFICER
ELIGIBILITY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The conferment of a doctorate degree by an institution of higher
2 learning duly accredited by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is hereby declared
3 as equivalent to entry level Career Executive Service Officer (CESO) eligibility in the civil
4 service for purposes of appointment to executive positions in the classified service in the
5 Government or any of its branches, subdivisions, instrumentalities, and agencies including
6 government-owned or controlled corporations with original charters, provided the doctorate
7 degree is relevant to the position being handled, except with regard to positions requiring
8 highly specialized knowledge not covered by the doctorate degree of the holder.

9 **SEC. 2.** The registrars or other responsible officers of duly accredited colleges and
10 Universities offering doctorate degrees shall regularly furnish the Civil Service Commission
11 (CSC) with a complete list of graduates of their respective colleges or universities who have
12 been conferred with doctorate degrees within sixty (60) days from conferment of the same.

13 **SEC. 3.** Eligibility shall commence on the date of conferment of the doctorate degree.
14 *Provided,* that for those who have already been conferred doctorate degrees prior to the
15 passage of this Act, their eligibility shall be deemed to commence from the approval hereof.

1 **SEC. 4.** The Civil Service Commission shall promulgate the necessary rules and
2 regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

3 **SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.*** – Should any provision of this Act or part hereof be
4 declared unconstitutional, the other provisions or parts not affected thereby shall remain valid
5 and effective.

6 **SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or portions
7 thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended
8 or modified accordingly.

9 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the
10 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in At least two (2) newspapers of
11 general circulation.

Approved,