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Senate Bill No. 1869

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE RANK CLASSIFICATION IN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 28 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 1990, Congress enacted Republic Act No. 6975 otherwise known as "*Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990*", which provided that the rank classification of the members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) shall be as follows: Director General; Deputy Director General; Director; Chief Superintendent; Senior Superintendent; Superintendent, Chief Inspector; Senior Inspector; Inspector; Senior Police Officer I, II, III, & IV; and Police Officer I, II, & III.

Twenty-eight (28) years since the passage of RA 6975, it is undeniable that the public has been more accustomed to the rank classification using military terminologies in addressing the members of our police force. More often than not, we hear a typical *Juan dela Cruz* refer to our policemen as "General", "Colonel" and "Sergeant" instead of their present police rank of "Chief Superintendent", "Senior Superintendent" and "Senior Police Officer IV".

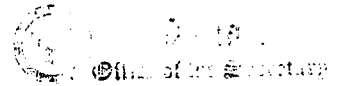
Thus, this Bill is being proposed in order to eliminate public confusion on PNP terminologies and to bring our police force closer to the populace.

Furthermore, this Bill seeks to promote interoperability between police officers and equivalent military officers in the field, which, in turn, could enhance joint PNP-AFP internal security operations (ISO), counter-terrorism operation, and operations against threats to national security.

Notwithstanding the proposed adoption of military ranks, the PNP shall continue to be a civilian organization performing the functions laid out by RA 6975. The positions in the PNP and the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) shall continue to be occupied by civilian personnel; the command over the police shall not be returned to the military; and the PNP shall continue to adopt a "service-oriented" outlook in consonance with its existing "police-community-relations" doctrine. All these shall serve as safeguards in ensuring that the PNP shall continue to be the national police force that is civilian in character which the 1987 Constitution has envisioned.


In light of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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

1 SECTION 1. Section 28 of Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the
2 "Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990" is hereby amended to read
3 as follows:
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5 "Sec. 28. Rank Classification. – For purposes of CLARITY OF COMMAND AND
6 RESPONSIBILITY, AND FOR THE EFFECTIVE AND efficient administration,
7 supervision and control, the rank classification of the [members] UNIFORMED
8 PERSONNEL of the PNP shall be as follows:
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- 10 "[Director General] POLICE GENERAL
- 11 "[Deputy Director General] POLICE LIEUTENANT GENERAL
- 12 "[Director] POLICE MAJOR GENERAL
- 13 "[Chief Superintendent] POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL
- 14 "[Senior Superintendent] POLICE COLONEL
- 15 "[Superintendent] POLICE LIEUTENANT COLONEL
- 16 "[Chief Inspector] POLICE MAJOR
- 17 "[Senior Inspector] POLICE CAPTAIN
- 18 "[Inspector] POLICE LIEUTENANT
- 19 "[Senior Police Officer IV] POLICE MASTER SERGEANT
- 20 "[Senior Police Officer III] POLICE TECHNICAL SERGEANT
- 21 "[Senior Police Officer II] POLICE STAFF SERGEANT
- 22 "[Senior Police Officer I] POLICE SERGEANT
- 23 "[Police Officer III] POLICE CORPORAL
- 24 "[Police Officer II] PATROLMAN FIRST CLASS
- 25 "[Police Officer I] PATROLMAN"
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27 SECTION. 2. The remaining provisions of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended by
28 Republic Act No. 8551, otherwise known as the Philippine National Police Reform and
29 Reorganization Act of 1998', that have reference to the rank classification of the uniformed
30 personnel of the Philippine National Police, and all other laws, executive orders, rules and

1 regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall be deemed modified or
2 repealed accordingly.

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4 SECTION. 3. Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Chief of
5 the Philippine National Police shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the
6 effective implementation of this Act.

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8 SECTION. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its full publication in
9 a newspaper of general circulation.

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11 Approved,