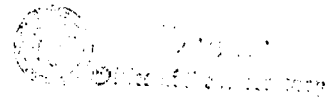


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Explanatory Note

There has long been a clamor within the law enforcement community to standardize the prefix before the names they are addressed. Much of the impetus for change came from public confusion on the present rank of Philippine National Police (PNP) officers. It was fairly common to hear stories such as Police Superintendents, which are equivalent to Lieutenant Colonels in the military, are being mistaken as Department of Education (DepEd) officials, and Police Inspectors incorrectly identified as bus operators.

Under the present system, the ranks of police commissioned officer (PCO) start at Inspector, the equivalent of 2nd Lieutenant in the military, followed by Senior Inspector (Captain/ 1st Lieutenant), Chief Inspector (Major), Superintendent (Lieutenant Colonel), Senior Superintendent (Colonel) followed by Chief Superintendent (Brigadier General), Director (Major General), Deputy Director General (Lieutenant General) up to Director General, the equivalent of a 4-star General. For police non-commissioned officers (PNCOs), the rank nomenclature starts at Police Officer 1, the equivalent of Private in the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) followed by PO2 (Private First Class), PO3 (Corporal), Senior Police Officer 1 (Sergeant), SPO2 (Staff Sergeant), SPO3 (Technical Sergeant), and SPO4 (Master Sergeant).

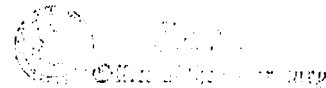
This bill therefore seeks to modify the rank classification of uniformed personnel in the PNP by adopting the rank classification used in the AFP. Under this bill, police officials and officers from the rank of Director General down to Police Officer 1 will be modified to its military equivalent but with "police" affixed to their rank. This is for clarity of command and responsibility, and for the promotion of common understanding between

and among the members of the PNP and the AFP. The change in rank classification does not in any way affect the civilian character and service-oriented nature of the country's police force.

Immediate approval of this bill is eagerly sought.

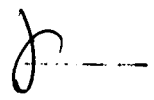

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic of
the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

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
3 read 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, supervision and
7 control, the rank classification of the uniformed personnel of the PNP shall be as
8 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**

1 [Senior Superintendent] **POLICE COLONEL**
2 [Superintendent] **POLICE LIEUTENANT COLONEL**
3 [Chief Inspector] **POLICE MAJOR**
4 [Senior Inspector] **POLICE CAPTAIN**
5 [Inspector] **POLICE LIEUTENANT**
6 [Senior Police Officer IV] **POLICE MASTER SERGEANT**
7 [Senior Police Officer III] **POLICE TECHNICAL SERGEANT**
8 [Senior Police Officer II] **POLICE STAFF SERGEANT**
9 [Senior Police Officer I] **POLICE SERGEANT**
10 [Police Officer III] **POLICE CORPORAL**
11 [Police Officer II] **PATROLMAN FIRST CLASS**
12 [Police Officer I] **PATROLMAN**

13 Sec. 2. The remaining provisions of RA No. 6975, as amended by RA No. 8551,
14 that have reference to the rank classification of the uniformed personnel of the PNP and
15 all other laws, executive orders, rules and regulations not consistent with or contrary to
16 this Act shall be deemed modified accordingly.

17 Sec. 3. Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the C, PNP shall issue
18 implementing guidelines to ensure smooth transition.

19 Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
20 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

21 *Approved.*