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**AN ACT**  
**BROADENING THE OPPORTUNITIES OF FILIPINO YOUTH BY**  
**ALLOWING GRADUATES OF K-12 ENHANCED EDUCATION IN THE**  
**PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE**  
**PNP LAW, R.A. 6975 AS AMENDED BY R.A. 8551**

*Explanatory Note*

As part of the efforts of the present administration to respond to the perceived needs of the education sector, the Department of Education (DepEd) had pushed for the implementation of the "Enhanced K to 12 Basic Education Program."<sup>1</sup>

The k-12 enhanced education program was designed, among others, to solve the ballooning unemployment in the country by arming students with true mastery of basic competencies and necessary skills to enter into the work force.

Less than half of all high school graduates finish college and even less earn a baccalaureate degree due to financial constraints. Graduates of the k-12 program, however, were assured that they stand a chance even without a college degree.

This bill seeks to level the playing field for the children of poor families who cannot afford to send them to college by lowering the education requirement for police applicants.

Currently, the PNP, as mandated by Republic Act 8551, only accepts college graduates for recruits. Through this measure, graduates of the k-12

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<sup>1</sup> <http://dirp3.pids.gov.ph/ris/eid/pidseid1202.pdf>

program may be admitted to the Philippine National Police (PNP), provided that the applicant passes all the examinations, including the entrance test administered by the National Police Commission.

Applicants are still required to adhere to the PNP's general qualifications, which include the height, weight and age requirement, among others.

Approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

1 Section 1. It is a declared policy of the State that the youth plays a  
2 vital role in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical,  
3 moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the  
4 youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public  
5 and civic affairs. Through this legislation, the opportunities for Filipino youth  
6 will be broadened by opening the admission of the Philippine National Police  
7 (PNP) to graduates of the K-12 enhanced education program.

8 Sec. 2. The existing provisions on the General Qualifications for  
9 Appointment in the PNP in RA 6975, as amended by RA 8551, is hereby  
10 amended to read as follows:

- 11 "a) A citizen of the Philippines;  
12 b) A person of good moral conduct;  
13 c) Must have passed the psychiatric/psychological, drug and physical  
14 tests to be administered by the PNP or by any NAPOLCOM  
15 accredited government hospital for the purpose of determining  
16 physical and mental health;

1 d) Must [~~possess a formal baccalaureate degree from a recognized~~  
2 ~~institution of learning~~] **HAVE COMPLETED THE K-12**  
3 **ENHANCED EDUCATION PROGRAM;**

4 e) Must be eligible in accordance with the standards set by the  
5 Commission;

6 f) Must not have been dishonorably discharged from the military  
7 employment or dismissed for cause from any civilian position in the  
8 Government;

9 g) Must not have been convicted by final judgment of an offense or  
10 crime involving moral turpitude;

11 h) Must be at least one meter and sixty-two centimeters (1.62 m.) in  
12 height for male and one meter and fifty-seven centimeters (1.57  
13 m.) for female;

14 i) Must weight not more or less than five kilograms (5 kgs.) from the  
15 standard weight corresponding to his or her height, age, and sex;  
16 and,

17 j) For a new applicant, must not be less than twenty-one (21) nor  
18 more than thirty (30) years of age: except for the last qualification,  
19 the above-enumerated qualifications shall be continuing in  
20 character and a absence of any one of them at any given time shall  
21 be a ground for separation or retirement from the service:  
22 Provided, that PNP members who are already in the service upon  
23 the effectivity of this Act shall be given at least two (2) more years  
24 to obtain the minimum educational qualification and one (1) year to  
25 satisfy the weight requirement.

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27 Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete  
28 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,