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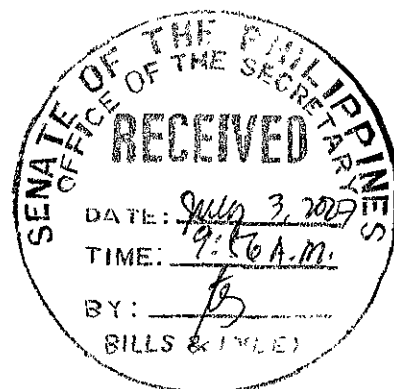
Article II, Section 26 of the Constitution provides that: "the State shall guarantee equal access to opportunities for public service, x x x as may be defined by law." Executive Order 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of the Philippines, provides for the recruitment and selection of government employees. Section 21 further provides that "opportunity for government employment shall be open to all qualified citizens and positive efforts shall be exerted to attract the best qualified to enter the service."

Government invests heavily in education through state colleges and universities. Hence, priority should be given to qualified honor graduates of public schools in the recruitment of civil service personnel. This would also serve as an incentive for students in government - funded schools to excel academically.

Considering the foregoing, the early passage of this bill is earnestly urged.


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AN ACT
GRANTING PRIORITY TO HONOR GRADUATES OF STATE COLLEGES &
STATE UNIVERSITIES IN THE APPOINTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE
EMPLOYEES

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

SEC. 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Public School Honor Graduates Priority Act."

SEC. 2. Priority in Appointment. - In the appointment of civil service employees, priority shall be given to honor graduates of state colleges and state universities of the Philippines: Provided, that the employee possesses all the minimum qualifications for the position as required by law.

SEC. 3. Penalties. - In the exercise of its disciplinary authority, the Civil Service Commission shall impose upon the concerned official or employee the following administrative sanctions for any willful violation of this Act: (1) First Violation - suspension of one (1) month without pay; (2) Second Violation - suspension of two (2) months without pay; and (3) Third Violation and subsequent violations hereof - suspension of six (6) months without pay.

SEC 4. Rules and Regulations. - The Civil Service Commission shall prescribe the rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act. The Civil Service Commission shall furnish the Senate and the House of Representatives a copy of the rules and regulations within ninety (90) days after approval of this Act.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. - Any law, presidential decree, or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,