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House Bill No. 979

Introduced by REP. AUGUSTO BOBOY SYJUCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Law enforcement is pivotal to the stability and progress of a nation. Ensuring peace and order demand concerted and unified efforts---hence, the birth of the Philippine National Police.

The 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that " the State shall establish and maintain one police force, which shall be national in scope and civilian in character ..."

Republic Act No. 6975 was signed into law on December of 1990, which abolished the Philippine Constabulary-Integrated National Police (PC-INP) and established the Philippine National Police. The same law reorganized the Department of Interior of Local and Local Government with supervisory powers over the PNP.

Under R.A. 6975, the PNP is mandated, among others, to enforce all laws and ordinances, relative to the protection of lives and properties and to maintain peace and order and to take all necessary steps to ensure public safety.

With the enormous responsibility of our police force it is but relevant for the government to support their general welfare and needs. One concern of our police force is the issue of retirement age. An early retirement age for our police officers serves and benefits the entire police force for two purposes; *first*, to preserve a lengthy and productive time for his family and the civil society; and *second*, to provide the next-in-line police officers the opportunity to assume higher ranks and responsibilities.

This bill seeks to reduce the compulsory retirement for police officers and non-officers from age fifty-six (56) to fifty-four (54) years old. Provided, that, in case of any officer with the rank of superintendent, or director or deputy director general, the Commission may allow his retention in the service for an unextendible period of one year.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
FIXING THE RETIREMENT AGE OF THE UNIFORMED PERSONNEL OF THE
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIXTY-NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990"

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

SECTION. 1. Section 39 of Republic Act No. 6975, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 39. *Compulsory Retirement.* – Compulsory retirement, for officers and non-officers, shall be upon the attainment of age FIFTY-FOUR (54): *Provided, That, in case of any officer with the rank of superintendent, or director or deputy director general, the Commission may allow his retention in the service for unextendible period of one year.*"

SECTION. 2. All laws, rules and regulations thereof, inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,