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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Chief of Staff of the Philippine National Police (PNP) are very sensitive and powerful positions in government that, when monopolized by the same person who just served as PNP Chief and thereafter immediately appointed as DILG Secretary, may lead to apprehensions of corruption or betrayal of public trust.

To ensure that public services shall be directed by no other consideration than the public good, this proposed legislative measure seeks the disqualification of the PNP Chief from being eligible for appointment to the position of DILG Secretary for a period of three (3) years from his tenure as PNP Chief based on precepts of propriety and ethics.

This prohibition seeks to show integrity to the public and lend effectiveness to the principle that a public office is a public trust.



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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS**  
**AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DEPARTMENT ON**  
**INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 26 of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended, otherwise known as the Department of interior and Local Government Act of 1990, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 26. Powers, Functions and term of Office of the PNP Chief - The command and direction of the PNP shall be vested in the Chief of who shall have the power to direct and control tactical as well strategic movements, deployment, placement, utilization of the PNP or any of its units and personnel, including its equipment, facilities and other resources. Such command and direction of the Chief of the PNP may be delegated to subordinate officials with respect to the units under respective commands, in accordance with the rules and regulation prescribed by the Commission. The Chief PNP shall also have the power to issue detailed implementing policies and instructions regarding personnel, funds, properties, records, correspondence and such other matters as may be necessary to effectively carry out the functions, powers and duties of the Bureau. The Chief of the PNP shall be appointed by the President from among the senior officers down to the rank of chief superintendent, subject to confirmation by the Commission on Appointments: Provided, That the Chief of the PNP shall serve a term of office not to exceed four years: provided, further, That in times of war or other national emergency declared by Congress, the President may extend such term of office. NO CHIEF OF THE PNP SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHIN A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FOLLOWING HIS TENURE AS CHIEF OF THE PNP."

**SEC. 2. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 3. Effectivity** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in newspaper of General or in newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

*Approved,*