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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Government invests heavily in educational 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.

This measure was previously filed by Senator Manny Villar in the 15th Congress. Passage of this Bill is earnestly sought now in the 16th Congress.


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AN ACT
GRANTING PRIORITY TO HONOR GRADUATES OF STATE COLLEGES
AND 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:

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

Section 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.

Section 3. Penalties. - In the exercise of its disciplinary authority, the Civil Service Commission shall impose 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.

Section 4. Rules and Regulation. - 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.

Section 5. Separability Clause. - If any provision, or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. - Any law, presidential decree, or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule and regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,