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HOUSE BILL NO. 1399

Introduced by Representative Harlin Cast. Abayon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Recognizing that all persons have their own skills and potentials that will enable them to compete favorably for available opportunities in the armed forces, this bill seeks to lift all height restrictions in the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

This measure was previously filed by Senator Antonio Trillanes IV in the 15th Congress. Passage of this bill is earnestly sought now in the 16th Congress.

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AN ACT
LIFTING THE HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR APPLICANTS TO THE
ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES

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 AFP Height Equality Act of 2013"

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to give utmost support to measures that protect and enhance the right of all people. It is also the policy of the State to promote fairness and impartiality by providing equal opportunity for employment to qualified individuals in the armed forces of the country.

SEC. 3. Lifting Height Restrictions for Application to the Armed Forces of the Philippines. - Based on the principle of equal opportunity for employment in the country, all height restrictions relating to applicants for the Armed Forces of the Philippines are hereby lifted; Provided, That candidates shall still undergo the same fundamental military training and basic requirements imposed upon taller recruits to qualify to become members of the AFP.

SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The Department of National Defense shall, within sixty (60) days after the approval of this Act, issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions hereof.

SEC. 5. Separability Clause. - Should any provision of this Act be found unconstitutional by a court of law, such provision shall be severed from the remainder of this Act, and such action shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Act.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,