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HOUSE BILL NO. 2198

Introduced by Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil

EXPLANATORY NOTE

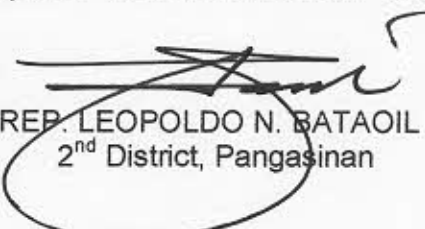
According to the 6th National Nutrition Survey, the average height of Filipinos is one meter and sixty-one centimeters (1.61 m) or 5 feet and 3 inches (5'3") among men and one meter and fifty-one centimeters (1.51 m) or 4 feet and 11.5 inches (4'11.5") among women.

In the United States, some police forces had removed height restrictions because of legal challenges based on the grounds of gender, race and denial of equal employment opportunities to individuals. Relatedly, the Department of National Defense has amended last December 4, 2009 the minimum entry requirement for the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) from 162.56 cm (5'4") for male and 157.48 cm (5'2") for female to 152.4 cm (5'0") for both male and female applicants for Major Services/Technical and Administrative Service.

The present height requirement for police applicants of the Philippine National Police is one meter and sixty-two centimeters (1.62 m) or 5'4" for males and one meter and fifty-seven centimeters (1.57m) or 5'2" for females. The proposal to lower the height requirement from 5'4" to 5'2" for males and 5'2" to 5'0" for females would increase the number of applicants who are more capable and qualified.

Height should not be a restriction to dedicate one's self to the police service as long as he/she has all the qualifications as provided by law. With the wide scope of law enforcement, the PNP needs more efficient and competent members of the police force to better serve the public.

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


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"AN ACT AMENDING THE HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICE APPLICANTS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 30 OF R.A. 6975 AS AMENDED BY R.A. 8551"

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

SECTION 1. SECTION 30 (H) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, IS HEREBY FURTHER AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SEC. 30. General Qualifications for Appointment – No person shall be appointed as officer or member of the PNP unless he or she possesses the following minimum qualifications:

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(H) must be at least [one meter and sixty-two centimeters (1.62m.)] **ONE METER AND FIFTY-SEVEN CENTIMETERS (1.57m.) OR FIVE FEET AND TWO INCHES (5'2") IN HEIGHT FOR MALE** and [one meter and fifty-seven centimeters (1.57m.)] **ONE METER AND FIFTY-TWO CENTIMETERS (1.52m.) OR FIVE FEET (5'0") FOR FEMALE;**

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SECTION 2. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE SHALL PROMULGATE THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT.

SECTION 3. REPEALING CLAUSE. – ALL LAWS, DECREES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND OTHER ISSUANCES OR PARTS THEREOF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ACT ARE HEREBY **REPEALED** ACCORDINGLY.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AFTER FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER ITS PUBLICATION IN AT LEAST TWO (2) NEWSPAPERS OF NATIONAL CIRCULATION.

APPROVED.