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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. 2201

Introduced by REP. LEOPOLDO N. BATAOIL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

There is this dilemma in the Philippine National Police that the prevailing lapses of its maneuver units resulting from raids and ambushes conducted by armed groups seem to jeopardize the operational aspects of the organization. Part of the rapid assessment is that police officers assigned to the maneuvering units seemingly are not too willing to fight back using military tactics, thus, making the said units more vulnerable to enemy offensives, and creating the impression from the public that the government is losing the insurgency campaign.

The will to fight, or the lack of it, seems to be attributed to the educational profile of police officers as college graduates with special concern for their future career as professionals. It may also be attributed to the kind of training they received when they were new in the service, which training apparently is geared towards community based functions, including public order and police-community relations.

Thus, recruiting individuals with at least seventy-two (72) collegiate units has been thought of as possible alternative to addressing the need for more personnel "trained to fight" and driven by military way of serving in the police organization, notwithstanding its civilian character.

Approval of the measure is earnestly sought.



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“AN ACT AMENDING THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICE APPLICANTS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 AND 15 OF R.A. 8551 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

SECTION 1. SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

“SECTION 14. Section 30 of Republic Act No. 6975 is hereby 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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(D) Must possess a formal baccalaureate degree **FOR APPOINTMENT AS OFFICER AND NON-OFFICER EXCEPT THOSE WHO WILL BE ASSIGNED AT MANEUVER UNITS WHO MUST HAVE FINISHED AT LEAST SECOND YEAR COLLEGE OR THE EQUIVALENT OF SEVENTY-TWO (72) COLLEGE UNITS; PROVIDED, THAT WHEN THEY FINISHED A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE, THEY MAY HAVE THE OPTION TO TRANSFER TO OTHER UNITS;**

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SECTION 2. SECTION 15 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551 IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

“SECTION 15. Waivers for Initial Appointments to the PNP. – The age AND weight for initial appointments to the PNP may be waived only when the number of qualified applicants fall below the minimum annual quota: Provided, that an applicant shall not be below eighteen (18) nor over thirty (30) years of age: Provided, further, that any applicant not meeting the weight requirement shall be given reasonable time but not exceeding six (6) months within which to comply with the said requirement: Provided, finally, that a waiver for height requirement shall be automatically granted to applicants belonging to the cultural communities.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AFTER FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER ITS PUBLICATION IN AT LEAST TWO (2) NEWSPAPERS OF NATIONAL CIRCULATION.

APPROVED.