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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



Introduced by Representative Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento

EXPLANATORY NOTE

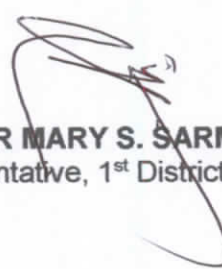
The Philippine National Police (PNP) is the armed, civilian national police force of the Republic of the Philippines. They are duty bound by their mantra – “To Serve and to Protect.” It is also the PNP’s vision to be a “highly capable, effective and credible police service working in partnership with a responsive community towards the attainment of a safer place to live, work, and do business” by the year 2030.

Currently, the law requires a person to possess a formal baccalaureate degree from a recognized institution of learning to be part of the police force. However, the present Philippine educational system (K-12) produces Senior High School (SHS) graduates who are already equipped with fundamental skills and sufficient theoretical instruction to be part of the labor force and be engaged in employment.

Hence, to bring life to the K-12 policy of allowing SHS graduates to enter gainful and responsible employment and socio-civic employment as early as 18 years of age, to provide job opportunities to all persons regardless of whether they possess college degrees or not, and to improve recruitment numbers of the PNP and be responsive to the need for more responsible and reliable policemen, the law should be amended to allow SHS graduates to apply and be recruited into the PNP.

The passage of this bill shall open career opportunities for senior high school graduates. It shall also allow the government to increase the number of applications to the PNP which will bring us closer to the target police-to-population ratio. Lastly, it gives the PNP the opportunity to deploy younger and more active officers in the field.

In view thereof, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, ALSO KNOWN AS "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, UNDER A REORGANIZED DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551

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

SECTION 1. Sec. 14 of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended by Republic Act No. 8551, 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 qualification:

x x x

"d) Must possess a **senior high school diploma** [formal baccalaureate degree] from a recognized institution of learning;

x x x

"j) For a new applicant, must not be less than **eighteen (18)** [twenty one (21)] nor more than thirty (30) years of age;

x x x"

"SEC. 30-A. Composition of the Police Force – At least 30 percent of the whole police force should be graduates of the Philippine National Police Academy."

SECTION 2. Repealing clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, letters of instructions, executive orders, rules and regulations insofar as they are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or amended as the case may be.

SECTION 3. Separability clause. – In case of any provision of this Act or any portion thereof is declared unconstitutional by a competent court, other provisions are not to be affected hereby.

SECTION 4. Rules and regulations. – The National Police Commission, in coordination with the Philippine National Police and the Department of the Interior and Local Government, shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective

implementation of this Act. Such rules and regulations shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication a newspaper of general circulation.

SECTION 5. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

Approved.