

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1242



Introduced by Representative Roman T. Romulo

AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE RANK CLASSIFICATION IN THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP)
AND BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTIONS 58 AND 64 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 6975, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ACT OF 1990"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The enactment of Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the "Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990", established the creation of the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) as Uniformed tri-Bureaus under the umbrella of the Interior Sector of DILG.

These three (3) bureaus share the common objectives towards maintaining peace and order, protecting life, liberty and property, and promoting the general welfare essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy (Article II, Section 5 of the Philippine Constitution).

In June 2019, R.A. 11200 known as "An Act Providing for the Rank Classification in the Philippine National Police, Amending for the Purpose Section 28 of Republic Act No. 6975, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990" was passed with the goal of eliminating public confusion on PNP terminologies and eventually bringing our police force closer to the people.

Following the same rationale, this measure proposes the rank classification of both BFP and BJMP personnel similar to that of their PNP counterparts with the aim of attaining clarity of command and responsibility among the bureaus' uniformed personnel, modernizing the same, and maintaining effective and efficient administration, supervision, and control.

Adopting the proposed rank classification will aid in minimizing confusion and increasing the public's awareness of BFP and BJMP personnel.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roman T. Romulo', with a stylized, cursive script.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 58 of Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the "Department
2 of Interior and Local Government Act of 1990", is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "Section 58. Rank Classification - For purposes of efficient administration,
4 supervision, and control, the rank classification of the members of the Fire
5 Bureau shall be as follows:

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7 [Director] FIRE MAJOR GENERAL

8 [Chief Superintendent] FIRE BRIGADIER GENERAL

9 [Senior Superintendent] FIRE COLONEL

10 [Superintendent] FIRE LIEUTENANT COLONEL

11 [Chief Inspector] FIRE MAJOR

12 [Senior Inspector] FIRE CAPTAIN

13 [Inspector] FIRE LIEUTENANT

1 [Senior Fire Officer IV] FIRE EXECUTIVE MASTER SERGEANT
2 [Senior Fire Officer III] FIRE CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT
3 [Senior Fire Officer II] FIRE SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT
4 [Senior Fire Officer I] FIRE MASTER SERGEANT
5 [Fire Officer III] FIRE STAFF SERGEANT
6 [Fire Officer II] FIRE CORPORAL
7 [Fire Officer I] FIREMAN / FIREWOMAN"

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9 **SECTION 2.** Section 64 of Republic Act No. 6975 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 "Section 64. Rank Classification. - For purposes of efficient administration,
11 supervision, and control, the rank classification of the members of the Jail
12 Bureau shall be as follows:

13 [Director] JAIL MAJOR GENERAL
14 [Chief Superintendent] JAIL BRIGADIER GENERAL
15 [Senior Superintendent] JAIL COLONEL
16 [Superintendent] JAIL LIEUTENANT COLONEL
17 [Chief Inspector] JAIL MAJOR
18 [Senior Inspector] JAIL CAPTAIN
19 [Inspector] JAIL LIEUTENANT
20 [Senior Jail Officer IV] JAIL EXECUTIVE MASTER SERGEANT
21 [Senior Jail Officer III] JAIL CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT
22 [Senior Jail Officer II] JAIL SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT
23 [Senior Jail Officer I] JAIL MASTER SERGEANT
24 [Jail Officer III] JAIL STAFF SERGEANT
25 [Jail Officer II] JAIL CORPORAL
26 [Jail Officer I] JAILMAN/JAILWOMAN"

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28 **SECTION 3.** Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Chiefs of the
29 Bureau of Fire Protection and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology shall promulgate
30 rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act. Such rules and regulations
31 shall take effect upon their publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
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1 **SECTION 4.** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and issuances, or parts
2 thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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4 **SECTION 5.** If any part or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, other
5 parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and
6 effect.
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8 **SECTION 6.** This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete
9 publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.
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11 *Approved,*