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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill aims to rename and upgrade the ranks structure presently being implemented in the Bureau of Fire Protection. Amending Section 58 and 59 of Republic Act No. 6975 otherwise known as the DILG act of 1990.

The personnel strength of the Bureau of Fire Protection increases by 2,000 annually. As of today the BFP has 33,000 personnel composed of Commissioned Officers, Non-Officer Ranks and Non-Uniformed Personnel. However, despite their huge number, the BFP is only headed by a Fire Director (2 Star General) at present as compared to the Philippine Coast Guard who only have around 20,000 personnel but is headed by a Commandant (4 Star General). The Bureau of Corrections is headed by a Director (4 Star General) with only around 2,500 personnel.

The BFP, with an annually increasing personnel must be appropriately headed by an officer with a rank equivalent to those given to the Chief, PNP, AFP Chief and the above mentioned bureaus.

The PNP through Republic Act No. 11200, An Act Providing for the Rank Classification in the Philippine National Police, has renamed its ranks similar

to those utilized by the AFP. The BFP, which is a co-equal bureau of the PNP under the DILG, has a different rank classification which is similar to those used by the non-uniformed bureaus of the government. Thus, for uniformity and easier identification of rank seniority among the BFP and other uniformed services, it would be appropriate to pattern the rank classification of the BFP with other uniformed services.



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2 **AN ACT**
3 **PROVIDING FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF RANKS AND**
4 **POSITIONS IN THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION, AMENDING**
5 **SECTION 58 AND 59 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED,**
6 **OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**
7 **AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990 AND SECTION 5 OF**
8 **REPUBLIC ACT 9263”**
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10 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
11 *Congress assembled:*
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13 **Section 1.** Section 58 and 59 of Republic Act No. 6975 is further amended to
14 read as follows:
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16 **Sec. 58. Rank Classification** – *For purposes of efficient administration,*
17 *supervision and control, the rank classification of the members of the Fire*
18 *Bureau shall be as follows:*
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Rank	Salary Grade
Fire General;	30
Fire Lieutenant General;	29
Fire Major General;	28
Fire Brigadier General; (~~Chief Superintendent~~)	27
Fire Colonel; (~~Senior Superintendent~~)	26
Fire Lieutenant Colonel; (~~Superintendent~~)	25
Fire Major; (~~Chief Inspector~~)	24
Fire Captain; (~~Senior Inspector~~)	23

Fire Lieutenant; (~~Inspector~~)	22
Fire Cadet;	19
Fire Master Sergeant; (~~Senior Fire Officer 4~~)	19
Fire Technical Sergeant; (~~Senior Fire Officer 3~~)	18
Fire Staff Sergeant; (~~Senior Fire Officer 2~~)	17
Fire Sergeant; (~~Senior Fire Officer 1~~)	16
Fire Corporal; (~~Fire Officer 3~~)	14
Fireman First Class; (~~Fire Officer 2~~) and	12
Fireman (~~Fire Officer 1~~)	10

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2 **Sec. 59 Key Positions.**

3 59.1 The head of the BFP with the rank Fire General shall have the position
4 title of Chief of the BFP. The second in command of the BFP with the
5 rank of Fire Lieutenant General shall be the Deputy Chief of the BFP for
6 Administration. The third in command with the rank also of Fire
7 Lieutenant General shall be the Deputy Chief of the BFP for Operations.

8 59.2 At the National Office, the head of the Directorial Staff with the rank of
9 Fire Lieutenant General shall be known as Chief of the Directorial Staff
10 of the BFP.

11 59.3 The heads of the various Directorates shall have the rank of Fire Major
12 General with the position title of Director. The heads of the
13 administrative and operational support units/services shall have the rank
14 of Fire Brigadier General with the position title of Director.

15 59.4 The head of the NCR with the rank of Fire Major General shall assume
16 the position title of NCR Director.

17 59.5 The heads of the Regional Offices with the rank of Fire Brigadier General

1 shall assume the position title of Regional Director.

2 59.6 The heads of the NCR District Offices with the rank of Fire Brigadier
3 General shall have the position title of District Director.

4 59.7 The heads of Provincial Offices with the rank of Fire Colonel shall be
5 known as Provincial Fire Director.

6 59.8 The heads of Highly Urbanized City Offices in NCR with the rank of Fire
7 Colonel shall have the position title of Chief of Fire.

8 59.9 The heads of the 1st Class Highly Urbanized Cities outside of NCR with
9 the rank of Fire Colonel shall have the position title of City Fire Director.

10 59.10 The heads of Highly Urbanized City Offices outside of NCR with the
11 rank of Fire Lieutenant Colonel shall have the position title of Chief of
12 Fire.

13 59.11 The heads of the City Fire Offices with the rank of at least Fire Major
14 shall be known as Chief of Fire.

15 59.12 The heads of the Municipality Fire Offices with the rank of at least Fire
16 Captain to Fire Major shall be known as Chief of Fire.

OFFICE	POSITION	RANK
BFP National Headquarter	Chief, Bureau of Fire Protection	Fire General
BFP National Headquarter	Deputy Chief for Administration and Operation	Fire Lieutenant General
BFP National Headquarter	Chief Directorial Staff	Fire Lieutenant General
BFP National Headquarter	Director of Directorate	Fire Lieutenant General
BFP National Headquarter	Director of Services/Support Groups	Fire Brigadier General
Regional Fire Office (NCR)	Regional Director	Fire Major General
Regional Fire Office (NCR)	Deputy Regional Director for	Fire Brigadier General

	Administration	
Regional Fire Office (NCR)	Deputy Regional Director, for Operation and Regional Chief of Staff	Fire Colonel
Regional Fire Office	Director, Regional Fire Office	Fire Brigadier General
District Fire Office (NCR)	District Director	Fire Brigadier General
Regional Fire Office	Chief, Health Service, Chief Legal Service and Chief, Special Rescue Force	Fire Colonel
Regional Fire Office	Deputy Regional Director, for Administration, Operations and Regional	Fire Colonel
Provincial Fire Office	Provincial Director	Fire Colonel
1 st Class Highly Urbanized City (Province)	City Director	Fire Colonel
Independent Component City	Chief of Fire	At least Fire Major
Component City	Chief of Fire	At least Fire Major
Highly Urbanized City (NCR)	Chief of Fire	Fire Colonel
Municipal Fire Station (Within NCR)	Chief of Fire	Fire Lieutenant Colonel
Municipal Fire Station	Chief of Fire	At least Fire Captain

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2 **Section 1.1** Ranks for City Directors, City/Municipal Chiefs of Fire shall be
3 determined according to income classification or category of the City or
4 Municipality.

5 **Section 2.** The remaining provisions of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended by
6 Republic Act No. 9263, otherwise known as "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
7 PROFESSIONALIZATION OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION
8 (BFP) AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY
9 (BJMP), AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
10 6975, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", that
11 have reference to the rank and position classification of the uniformed personnel

1 of the Bureau of Fire Protection, and all other laws, executive orders, rules and
2 regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall be deemed
3 modified or repealed accordingly.

4 **Section 3.** Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9263 is further amended to read as
5 follows:

6 **SEC. 5.** Appointment of Uniformed Personnel to the BFP and the BJMP.
7 The appointment of uniformed personnel to the BFP and the BJMP shall be
8 effected in the following manner:

- 9 a) **Fireman to Master Sergeant/Jail Officer 1 to Senior Jail Officer IV. -**
10 Appointed by the respective Regional Director for Fire Protection and
11 Regional Director for Jail Management and Penology for the regional
12 office uniformed personnel or by the respective Chief of the Fire Bureau
13 and Chief of the Jail Bureau for the national headquarters office
14 uniformed personnel, and attested by the Civil Service Commission
15 (CSC);
- 16 b) **Fire Lieutenant to Fire Lieutenant Colonel /Jail Inspector to Jail**
17 **Superintendent. -** Appointed by the respective Chief of the Fire Bureau
18 and Chief of the Jail Bureau, as recommended by their immediate
19 superiors, and attested by the CSC;
- 20 c) **Fire Colonel /Jail Senior Superintendent. -** Appointed by the Secretary
21 of the DILG upon recommendation of the respective Chief of the Fire

Bureau and Chief of the Jail Bureau, with the proper attestation of the
CSC; and

d) **Fire Brigadier General to Fire Lieutenant General/Jail Chief
Superintendent to Jail Director.** - Appointed by the President upon,
recommendation of the Secretary of the DILG, with the proper
endorsement by the Chairman of the CSC.

e) **Fire General.** - Appointed by the President from among the senior
officers down to the rank of Fire Brigadier General in the service:
Provided, That the Chief of the BFP shall serve a tour of duty not to
exceed four (4) years: Provided, further, That, in times of war or other
national emergency declared by Congress, the President may extend such
tour of duty.

Section 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within ninety (90) days
from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of the Interior and Local
Government, in coordination with BFP shall promulgate the rules and
regulations necessary to implement this Act.

Section 5. Separability Clause. - If any part, section or provision of this Act is
declared invalid or unconstitutional, the sections or provisions which are not
affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules, regulations,
other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby
repealed or modified accordingly.

1 **Section 7. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
3 circulation.

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5 Approved,

