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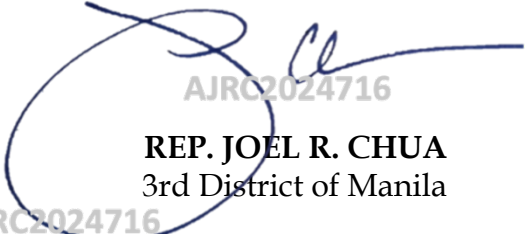
Explanatory Note

The practice of lateral entry enables a more effective recruitment in the Philippine National Police (PNP) as it enhances competition and efficiency. More competition equates to the expansion of the pool of more qualified personnel with highly technical qualifications.

However, there are no laws which provide for technical and line offices in the PNP. Only Memorandum Circular from the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) provides for technical and line offices, which begs the question on what should be the rank of a person who are professional licensed holders and non-graduates of the Philippine National Police (PNP) entering into the PNP.

This Bill seeks to amend Section 33 of Republic Act 6975, or the Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990 to include other degrees to the Lateral Entry Program of the Philippine National Police. It also provides that the entry rank for technical professionals automatically starts at the initial rank of Police Lieutenant or Police Captain.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 33 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OR THE
“DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT
OF 1990” TO INCLUDE OTHER BACCALAUREATE DEGREES TO
THE LATERAL ENTRY PROGRAM FOR LINE AND TECHNICAL OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "*Amended Provision of the Lateral Entry Program for Line and Technical Officers (Section 33 of R.A. 6975) to the Rank of Police Lieutenant.*"

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the policy of the State to establish a highly efficient, effective and competent police force, which is national in scope, civilian in character, and administered and controlled by the Philippine National Police (PNP).

SECTION 3. Objective. - This amendment of Section 33 of Republic Act 6975 intends to include other baccalaureate degrees in the lateral entry program of the Philippine National Police (PNP) for technical and line officers to fill up vacancies and to expand the opportunities to Police Non-Commissioned Officers (PNCOs) and Non-Uniformed Personnel (NUP) who are already in the service and are qualified to the position of Police Lieutenants based on their eligibility as Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) licensed professionals or issued by the Commission.

SECTION 4. Section 33 of Republic Act No. 6975 is amended to read as follows:

“Section 33. **Lateral Entry of Officers into the PNP.** In general, all original appointments of commissioned officers in the PNP shall commence with the rank of Police Lieutenant, to include all those highly technical qualifications applying for the PNP technical services, such as:

Aeronautical Engineers
Aircraft Engineers
Aircraft Maintenance Technology
Aircraft Maintenance Engineering

Medical Technologists
Metallurgical Engineers
Molecular Biologists
Naval Architects

Aviation Electronics Technology	Nuclear Physicists
Aircraft Technology	Nurses
Other similar aviation or aeronautics related courses	Nutritionists and Dieticians
Computer Engineers	Optometrists
Chemical Engineers	Physical Therapists
Chemists	Psychologists
Civil Engineers	Psychometricians
Criminologists	Sports Medicine
Dentists	Social Workers
Electrical Engineers	Veterinary Medicines
Electronic Engineers	Graduates of Forensic Sciences
Guidance and Counselling	Information Technology Professionals
Mechanical Engineers	Other Technical Professions

Abovementioned professionals shall be accommodated to the PNP service to fill up vacancies in any of the PNP offices/units for technical services, provided, they possess an appropriate PRC license or eligibility issued by the Commission.

Doctors of Medicine, Members of the Philippine Bar, Priests/Pastors/Imams, and Licensed Aircraft Pilots shall be appointed to the rank of Police Captain in their particular technical service. Provided, that the Police Commissioned Officers who are recruited via the Lateral Entry for Technical Officers Program shall exclusively serve the office/unit where he/she was accepted and must acquire or pursue training related to his/her field of expertise in pursuit of excellence.

Graduates of the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) shall be automatically appointed to the initial rank of Police Lieutenant.

In the Lateral Entry for Line Officers Program, licensed criminologists, other professionals who have licenses issued by the Professional Regulation Commission or those with eligibility issued by the Commission may be appointed to the rank of Police Lieutenant to fill up vacancies in the PNP Line Units.

Provided, that Licensed Criminologists and other PRC licensed professionals to include Career Service Professionals who are applying for lateral entry line officership, are already members of the PNP with a rank of at least Police Staff Sergeant for Uniformed Personnel or at least Salary Grade 14 for NUP and have served the organization for at least 5 years.

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within ninety (90) days of the effectivity of this Act, the National Police Commission, in coordination with the Philippine National Police, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. – All other provisions of Republic Act 6975, as amended by Republic Act 8551, otherwise known as the “Philippine National Police Reform and Reorganization Act of 1998,” and all other laws, executive orders, rules

and regulations, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall be deemed modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,