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***EXPLANATORY NOTE***

This measure aims to amend Section 33 of Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as "The Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990," to expand the scope of the lateral entry program for line and technical officers in the Philippine National Police (PNP).

The proposed amendments to Section 33 of Republic Act 6975 aims to include additional baccalaureate degrees in the Philippine National Police (PNP) lateral entry program for technical and line officers. It also seeks to fill vacancies and expand opportunities for Police Non-Commissioned Officers (PNCOs) and Non-Uniformed Personnel (NUP) who are already in service and qualified for the position of Police Lieutenant, based on their eligibility as Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) licensed professionals and Civil Service Commission (CSC) Career Service.

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



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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING SECTION 19 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, or "THE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG)**  
**ACT OF 1990" TO INCLUDE OTHER BACCALAUREATE DEGREES TO**  
**THE LATERAL ENTRY PROGRAM FOR LINE AND TECHNICAL**  
**OFFICERS**

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

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "**Amended Provision of the Lateral Entry Program for Line and Technical Officers [Sec. 33 of Republic Act No. (R.A. No.) 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 and CSC Career Service Professional (CSP).

**SECTION 4. Lateral Entry for Technical Officers.**

Section 33 of Republic Act No. 6975 is amended to read as follows: "Section 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 with highly technical qualifications applying for the PNP technical services, such as:

Aeronautical Engineers  
Computer Engineers

Naval Architects  
Nuclear Physicists

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| Chemical Engineers      | Nurses                               |
| Chemists                | Nutritionists and Dieticians         |
| Civil Engineers         | Optometrists                         |
| Criminologists          | Physical Therapists                  |
| Dentists                | Psychologists                        |
| Electrical Engineers    | Psychometricians                     |
| Electronics Engineers   | Sports Medicine                      |
| Guidance and Counseling | Social Workers                       |
| Mechanical Engineers    | Veterinary Medicines                 |
| Medical Technologists   | Graduates of Forensic Sciences       |
| Metallurgical Engineers | Information Technology Professionals |
| Molecular Biologists    | 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 CSP eligibility.

Doctors of Medicine, Members of the 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 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."

**SECTION 5. *Lateral Entry for Line Officers.*** - Section 33 of R.A. No. 6975 shall further be amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 33. *Lateral Entry of Officers into the PNP.*** - 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 and those who are Career Service Professionals may be appointed to the rank of 70 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.

*Provided further, That* these Police Lieutenants in the line services shall serve at least 5 years in the line offices/units they opted to join before they can seek reassignment to other line offices/units."



**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 Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation. 

Approved,