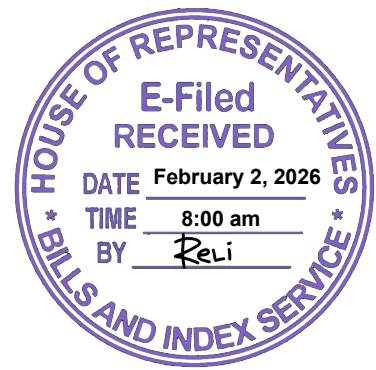


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 8551 or the "Philippine National Police Reform and Reorganization Act of 1998" was enacted affirming the role of the Philippine National Police (PNP) in the community, and with emphasis that it is a service oriented agency responsible for the maintenance of peace and order and public safety.

Unfortunately, there have been a few cases where police officers have been abusing their power and authority. There have also been cases where police officers have used their service firearms to commit crimes.

These cases have shown that there is need for stricter measures, especially in ensuring the psychiatric and psychological fitness of the officers and members of the PNP.

This bill seeks to make mandatory the conduct of annual psychiatric, psychological drug and physical tests of officers and members of the PNP as well as the requirement to undergo stress debriefing programs for those whose operational work necessarily expose them to traumatic situations.

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


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AN ACT

**MANDATING ANNUAL PSYCHIATRIC, PSYCHOLOGICAL DRUG AND PHYSICAL TESTS
FOR POLICE OFFICERS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975,
AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. Section 30 of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended, is hereby further 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 qualifications:

a) A citizen of the Philippines;

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For the purpose of determining compliance with the requirements on
physical and mental health, as well as the non-use of prohibited drugs, the
PNP by itself or through a NAPOLCOM accredited government hospital
shall conduct regular psychiatric, psychological drug and physical tests
randomly and without notice.

**ASIDE FROM THE REGULAR AND RANDOM PSYCHIATRIC,
PSYCHOLOGICAL DRUG AND PHYSICAL TESTS AS REQUIRED BY
THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH, THERE SHALL ALSO BE A
MANDATORY ANNUAL PSYCHIATRIC, PSYCHOLOGICAL DRUG AND
PHYSICAL TESTS CONDUCTED WITHOUT NOTICE**

**PROVIDED, THAT, PNP OFFICERS AND MEMBERS WHOSE
OPERATIONAL WORK EXPOSE THEM TO TRAUMATIC SITUATIONS
SHOULD, AFTER SUCH OPERATIONS, BE SUBJECTED TO STRESS
DEBRIEFING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING MENTAL
HEALTH DISORDERS."**

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SEC 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.

SEC 3. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect after its complete publication in at least three (3)
newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,