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HOUSE BILL NO. 11035**



Introduced by Rep. Elisa “Olga” T. Kho and Rep. Antonio T. Kho

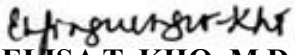
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 33 of Republic Act No. 6975, or the “Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990,” provides for the Lateral Entry Program of the Philippine National Police (PNP), allowing qualified professionals with specialized skills and expertise to enter the police service as commissioned officers.

Since the law was enacted in 1990, however, the nature of crime and policing has significantly changed. The PNP now faces increasingly complex challenges, including cybercrime, financial fraud, digital threats, disaster response, and issues involving mental health and community safety. These challenges require a wider range of professional expertise beyond those specifically identified in the existing law. While Section 33 recognizes professions such as medicine, law, engineering, nursing, dentistry, optometry, chaplaincy, and criminology, it does not adequately cover emerging fields that are now essential to modern policing. These include Cybersecurity, Information Technology, Data Science, Accountancy, Finance, Psychology, Behavioral Sciences, Public Administration, and Disaster Risk Management, among others.

This bill seeks to amend Section 33 of R.A. 6975 by expanding the qualifications for lateral entry and giving the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), in coordination with the PNP, the flexibility to recognize additional baccalaureate and postgraduate degrees based on the evolving needs of the police organization. By opening the PNP to a broader pool of qualified professionals, the measure will strengthen the organization's capacity to respond to emerging threats, improve police operations, and provide more effective and specialized public safety services.

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


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**AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 33 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE "DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF
1990," TO EXPAND THE COVERAGE OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES ELIGIBLE
FOR LATERAL ENTRY IN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Section 33 of Republic Act No. 6975 is hereby amended to read as follows:

" SEC. 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 [inspector], to include all those with highly technical qualifications applying for the PNP technical services, such as DOCTORS OF MEDICINE, MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE BAR, CHAPLAINS, dentists, optometrists, nurses, engineers, graduates of forensic sciences, REGISTERED CRIMINOLOGISTS, COMPUTER ENGINEERS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALISTS, CYBERSECURITY EXPERTS, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, AND GRADUATES OF OTHER BACCALAUREATE DEGREES AND PROFESSIONS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION (NAPOLCOM) TO BE RELEVANT AND NECESSARY TO POLICE OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION [and graduates of forensic sciences]. DOCTORS OF MEDICINE AND MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE BAR [Doctors of medicine, members of the Bar, and chaplains] shall be appointed to the rank of POLICE CAPTAIN [senior inspector] in their particular technical service. Graduates of the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) shall be automatically appointed to the initial rank of POLICE LIEUTENANT [inspector]. REGISTERED CRIMINOLOGISTS AND HOLDERS OF OTHER ELIGIBLE DEGREES WHO ARE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS (NCOs) CURRENTLY IN THE PNP SERVICE, OR REGISTERED CRIMINOLOGISTS NOT IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE, SHALL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE AND ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT VIA LATERAL ENTRY AS POLICE

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, SUBJECT TO EXISTING MERIT, QUALIFICATION, AND COMPETITIVE SELECTION STANDARDS PRESCRIBED BY THE NAPOLCOM."

SECTION 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). — Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), in consultation with the Chief of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC), shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. Separability Clause. — If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. — All laws, executive orders, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,