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HOUSE BILL NO. 575



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JURDIN JESUS M. ROMUALDO


EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under Section 33 of Republic Act (RA) No. 6975, or the Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990, only non-commissioned officers of the Philippine National Police (PNP) who are licensed criminologists may be appointed to the rank of Police Lieutenant to fill up vacancies after promotions from the ranks are completed. This leaves out many non-commissioned officers and has led to a shortage of Police Lieutenants, which cannot be filled-up by the yearly graduates of the Philippine National Police Academy and by the promotion of Police Executive Master Sergeants to Police Lieutenant. This shortage is expected to grow with the continuous recruitment of non-commissioned officers into the PNP. The PNP also requires aeronautical or aircraft engineers and aircraft pilots in its ranks in order for it to effectively carry out its mandate.

Hence, this measure seeks to amend Section 33 of RA No. 6975 in order to allow non-commissioned officers and others who are professional license holders or have career service professional eligibility to become Police Lieutenants and allow for the lateral entry of aircraft engineers and pilots into the PNP as Police Lieutenants and Police Captains, respectively. If enacted into law, this measure will help the PNP maintain an effective, competent, and efficient police force.

This is a refiled bill from the previous Congress principally authored by Hon. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo of the Lone District of Camiguin.

Accordingly, the support of the Members of Congress for the prompt passage of this measure is earnestly requested.


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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 ELIGIBILITY FOR LATERAL ENTRY INTO THE
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 33 of Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the Department of the
2 Interior and Local Government Act of 1990, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4 Section 33. Lateral Entry of Officers into the PNP. — In general, all original
5 appointments of commissioned officers in the PNP shall commence with the rank of
6 [inspector] **POLICE LIEUTENANT**, to include all those with highly technical
7 qualifications applying for the PNP technical services, such as dentists, optometrists,
8 nurses, engineers, **AIRCRAFT ENGINEERS OR THOSE WITH DEGREES IN**
9 **AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING, AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE**
10 **TECHNOLOGY, AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING, AVIATION**
11 **ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY, AIRCRAFT TECHNOLOGY, AND**
12 **OTHER SIMILAR AVIATION OR AERONAUTICS RELATED COURSES,**
13 and graduates of forensic sciences. Doctors of medicine, members of the
14 **PHILIPPINE Bar, LICENSED PILOTS,** and chaplains shall be appointed to the
15 rank of [senior inspector] **POLICE CAPTAIN** in their particular technical service.

1 Graduates of the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) shall be automatically
2 appointed to the initial rank of [inspector] **POLICE LIEUTENANT. Licensed**
3 **criminologists AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE A LICENSE**
4 **ISSUED BY THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION OR**
5 **HAVE CAREER SERVICE PROFESSIONAL ELIGIBILITY OR ITS**
6 **EQUIVALENT** may be appointed to the rank of [inspector] **POLICE**
7 **LIEUTENANT** to fill up any vacancy after promotions from the ranks are completed.

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9 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior and Local Government shall issue the rules and regulations
10 to effectively implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

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12 SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof that
13 are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified
14 accordingly.

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16 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or
17 in a newspaper of general circulation.

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19 Approved,