This bill seeks to amend the existing provisions of Republic Act No. 6975, or the Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990, particularly Section 33. This will allow graduates of 4-Year degrees in aviation-related courses to the rank of police Lieutenant and Aircraft Pilots to the Rank of Police Captain.

The objective of this legislative measure is to fill the decline in the numbers of Police Commissioned Officers, as they were only chosen from graduates of the Philippine National Police Academy or those who obtained their BS Criminology degree to Police Commissioned Officers. As this bill seeks to augment the police force and encourage fresh graduates from the aviation industry to join the Philippine National Police.

In view of these premises, the prompt approval of this bill is earnestly sought and recommended.
AN ACT AMENDING THE SPECIFIC PROVISION OF SECTION 33 OF RA 6975 TO ACCOMMODATE AIRCRAFT ENGINEERS WHO ARE GRADUATES OF AT LEAST 4-YEAR DEGREE AVIATION RELATED COURSES TO THE RANK OF POLICE LIEUTENANT AND AIRCRAFT PILOTS TO THE RANK OF POLICE CAPTAIN

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 Technical Officers (sec 33 of RA 6975), specifically, to accommodate Aircraft Engineers to the Rank of Police Lieutenant and Aircraft Pilots to Police Captain.”

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.

Section 3. Objectives. - Under this Act, the PNP shall establish/set up the provision with the following objectives:

3.1. To accommodate Aircraft Engineers to the rank of Police Lieutenant and Aircraft Pilots to Police Captain”; and

3.2. To entice applicants for Aircraft Engineer and Aircraft Pilot, they should be given premium on their position/rank upon entry to the PNP.

Section 4. Definition of Terms.

4.1. Lateral Entry – is a system of getting Police Commissioned Officers into the police service by virtue of profession and expertise undergoing the regular recruitment and screening process.

4.2. Technical Officer – an officer assigned in the PNP Technical Service tasked to plan and coordinate activities in fields such as construction, information technology, and engineering, legal, health, and chaplaincy.
4.3. Aircraft Engineering – includes airframe, power plant and radio electronics instrument mechanics who maintains and repairs the avionic and mechanical equipment needed to make planes and helicopters operate safely. This includes repairing, inspecting, and maintaining the structural, mechanical and electronic elements of the aircraft, replacing parts, measuring wear and assessing whether parts need repair or replacement.

4.4. Aircraft Pilot – controls the flight of an aircraft by operating its directional flight controls.

Section 5. Provision of Section 33 of Republic Act No. 6975 is amended to read as follows:

“Section 33. In general, all original appointments of commissioned officers in the PNP shall commence with the rank of lieutenant, to include all those with highly technical qualifications applying for the PNP technical services, such as dentist, optometrists, nurses, engineers, graduates of forensic sciences and aircraft engineers who are graduates of at least 4-year degree aviation related courses such as BS in Aircraft Maintenance Technology, BS in Aeronautical Engineering, BS in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering, BS in Aviation Electronics Technology and BS in Aircraft Technology. Doctors of medicine, members of the Bar, chaplains and licensed pilots shall be appointed to the rank of police captain in their particular technical service. Graduates of the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) shall be automatically appointed to the initial rank of inspector. Licensed criminologists may be appointed to the rank of inspector to fill up any vacancy after promotions from the ranks are completed.”

Section 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Secretary of Interior and Local Government shall, within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 7. Repealing Clause. – All laws, rules, regulations, orders, circulars and memoranda inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 8. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon approval.

Approved,