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HOUSE BILL NO. 9470



Introduced by Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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 BS Criminology graduates who were given licenses by the Professional Regulatory Commission, or an individual with Civil Service Eligibility Level II, maybe appointed to the rank of Police Lieutenant.

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. The promotion of Police Executive Master Sergeant to Police Lieutenant are also insufficient to fill up the gap. It is to my belief that this bill will try to address the gap in the number of Police Commissioned Officers.

In view of these premises, the prompt approval of this bill is earnestly sought and recommended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo', written over a faint circular stamp.

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**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 33 OF REPUBLIC ACT 6975, OR THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990
TO INCLUDE OTHER BACCALAUREATE DEGREES TO THE LATERAL
ENTRY PROGRAM FOR LINE 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 Officers (sec 33 of RA 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.

Section 3. *Objective.* The lateral entry for line officers is only accepting applicants from the PNCO who are criminologists by eligibility to fill up vacancies for the rank of Police Lieutenant under the provision of Sec 33 of RA 6975. This hinders the appointment of other PNCOs who are not graduates of BS Criminology to Police Commissioned Officers for line units considering that the yearly graduates of Philippine National Police Academy and the promotion of Police Executive Master Sergeant to Police Lieutenant are insufficient to fill up the negative variance. The variance is foreseen to increase due to continuous hiring of PNCOs.

Thus, PNCOs with PRC license or with second level Civil Service eligibility or its equivalent eligibility in the different courses should also be included in the Lateral Entry for Line Officers.

Section 4. *Section 33 of Republic Act No. 6975 is amended to read as follows:*

“Section 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, to include all those with highly technical qualifications applying for the PNP technical services, such as dentist, optometrists, nurses, engineers, and graduates of forensic sciences. Doctors of medicine, regular members of the Bar, and chaplains 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 Police Lieutenant. Licensed criminologists **and other professionals who have license issued by the Professional Regulation Commission or have Civil Service Professional or its equivalent eligibility maybe appointed to the rank of Police Lieutenant to fill up any vacancy after promotions from the ranks are completed.**”

Section 5. *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 6. *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 7. *Effectivity*- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon approval.

Approved,