Presently, the Philippine National Police (PNP) has in its possession, seven (7) H-125 Airbus choppers, two R-22 Robinson choppers, and a fixed-wing trainer plane in its fleet. On a report published on February 2021, former PNP chief Gen. Debold Sinas had expressed the PNP’s intent to acquire at least 20 more aircraft units to help the PNP’s crime-fighting capabilities.

Given that the PNP is continuously trying to expand its aerial fleet, aircraft engineers and licensed pilots are becoming increasingly necessary both for maintaining the fleet and utilizing it to its maximum potential. As such, the PNP should begin accommodating aircraft engineers and licensed pilots into its technical services division and accord them the commensurate rank befitting of their experience and technical expertise. If done so, the lateral entry of aircraft engineers and licensed pilots to our police force would be beneficial for all parties involved.

For the reasons abovementioned, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

Rep. Ramon V. Guico III
AN ACT

GRANTING THE RANKS OF POLICE LIEUTENANT TO AIRCRAFT ENGINEERS AND POLICE CAPTAIN FOR AIRCRAFT PILOTS ON THEIR LATERAL ENTRY INTO THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 33 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990”

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

SECTION 1. Section 33 of R.A. 9675 is hereby 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 inspector, 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[,], AND AIRCRAFT ENGINEERS. Doctors of medicine, members of the Bar, [AND] 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.”

SEC. 2. Repealing Clause. – All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly: Provided; however, That nothing in this Act shall amend, modify or repeal the provisions of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code.

SEC. 3. Separability Clause. – If any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts not otherwise affected shall remain in full effect and force.
SEC. 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,