



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES ESPINO, AQUINO (B.), ABAYA, SUSANO, MARCOLETA,
JOAQUIN, GIDAYA, CODILLA AND UMALI (A.V.), PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 1759

AN ACT ADJUSTING THE REQUIREMENTS ON EDUCATION AND
FOR PROMOTION IN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE
REFORM AND REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1998" AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 30 (j) of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended by
2 Republic Act No. 8551, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 30. *General Qualifications for Appointment.* – No
4 person shall be appointed as officer or member of the PNP
5 unless he or she possesses the following minimum qualifications:

6 "a) A citizen of the Philippines;

7 "x x x

8 "x x x

1 “j) For a new applicant, must not be less than twenty-one
 2 (21) nor more than thirty (30) years of age: **PROVIDED, THAT,**
 3 except for the last qualification, the above-enumerated
 4 qualifications shall be continuing in character and an absence of
 5 any one of them at any given time shall be a ground for
 6 separation or retirement from the service: *Provided, FURTHER,*
 7 That PNP members who are already in the service upon the
 8 effectivity of this Act shall [be given at least two (2) more years
 9 to obtain the minimum educational qualification] **NOT ANYMORE**
 10 **BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE BUT FOR**
 11 **PURPOSES OF PROMOTION, MUST COMPLY WITH THE MINIMUM**
 12 **EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE POSITION and SHALL**
 13 **BE GIVEN one (1) year to satisfy the weight requirement.**

14 “x x x

15 “x x x.”

16 SEC. 2. Section 38 (a) of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended by
 17 Section 33 of Republic Act No. 8551, is hereby further amended to read as
 18 follows:

19 “SEC. 38. *Promotions.* – (a) A uniformed member of the
 20 PNP shall not be eligible for promotion to a higher position or
 21 rank unless he or she has successfully passed the corresponding
 22 promotional examination given by the Commission, or the Bar,
 23 or the corresponding board examinations for technical services
 24 and other professions, has satisfactorily completed the
 25 appropriate and accredited course in the PNPA or equivalent
 26 training institutions, and has satisfactorily passed the required
 27 psychiatric/psychological and drug tests. [In addition, no
 28 uniformed member of the PNP shall be eligible for promotion

1 during the pendency of his or her administrative and/or criminal
2 case or unless he or she has been cleared by the People's Law
3 Enforcement Board (PLEB), and the Office of the Ombudsman
4 of any complaints proffered against him or her, if any.] THE
5 PENDENCY OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE AND/OR CRIMINAL CASE
6 INVOLVING A POLICE MEMBER WHICH IS SERVICE-RELATED
7 SHALL NOT BE A BAR FOR PROMOTION.”

8 SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders,
9 rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are
10 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
11 accordingly.

12 SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect upon its
13 publication in at least two national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,