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BY REPRESENTATIVES ANTONINO, ANTONINO-CUSTODIO, BIAZON, EMANO,
ORTEGA, UNGAB, GONZALES (N.), DE GUZMAN, AGBAYANI, VELARDE
AND ROMULO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1802

AN ACT EXTENDING FOR FIVE (5) YEARS THE REGLEMENTARY PERIOD FOR COMPLYING WITH THE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AND APPROPRIATE ELIGIBILITY IN THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP) AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION AND BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY PROFESSIONALIZATION ACT OF 2004" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9263 is hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

3 "SEC. 4. *Professionalization and Upgrading of*
4 *Qualification Standards in the Appointment of Uniformed*
5 *Personnel to the BFP and the BJMP.* – No person shall be

1 appointed as uniformed personnel of the BFP and the BJMP
2 unless he/she possesses the following minimum qualifications:

3 “(a) A citizen of the Republic of the Philippines;

4 “(b) A person of good moral character;

5 “(c) Must have passed the psychiatric/psychological,
6 drug and physical tests for the purpose of determining his/her
7 physical and mental health;

8 “(d) Must possess a baccalaureate degree from a
9 recognized institution of learning;

10 “(e) Must possess the appropriate civil service eligibility;

11 “(f) Must not have been dishonorably discharged or
12 dismissed for cause from previous employment;

13 “(g) Must not have been convicted by final judgment of
14 an offense or crime involving moral turpitude;

15 “(h) Must be at least one meter and sixty-two centimeters
16 (1.62 m.) in height for male, and one meter and fifty-seven
17 centimeters (1.57 m.) for female: *Provided*, That a waiver for
18 height and age requirements shall be automatically granted to
19 applicants belonging to the cultural communities; and

20 “(i) Must weigh not more or less than five kilograms
21 (5 kgs.) from the standard weight corresponding to his/her
22 height, age and sex;

23 *“Provided*, That a new applicant must not be less than
24 twenty-one (21) nor more than thirty (30) years of age: except
25 for this particular provision, the above-enumerated qualifications
26 shall be continuing in character and an absence of any one of
27 them at any given time shall be a ground for separation or
28 retirement from the service: *Provided, further*, That the

1 uniformed personnel who are already in the service [upon]
2 **PRIOR TO** the effectivity of this Act shall be given **ANOTHER** five
3 **(5)** years to obtain the minimum educational qualification **AND**
4 **APPROPRIATE CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY TO BE RECKONED**
5 **FROM THE DATE OF THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT: PROVIDED,**
6 **FURTHERMORE, THAT CONCERNED BFP AND BJMP MEMBERS**
7 **WHO HAVE RENDERED MORE THAN FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OF**
8 **SERVICE SHALL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH**
9 **THE AFOREMENTIONED EDUCATIONAL AND ELIGIBILITY**
10 **REQUIREMENTS,** and one (1) year to satisfy the weight
11 requirement.

12 “After the lapse of the time period for the satisfaction of a
13 specific requirement, current uniformed personnel of the BFP
14 and the BJMP who will fail to satisfy any of the requirements
15 enumerated under this Section shall be separated from the
16 service if they are below fifty (50) years of age and have served
17 in the government for less than twenty (20) years, or retired if
18 they are from age fifty (50) and above and have served in the
19 government for at least twenty (20) years without prejudice in
20 either case to the payment of benefits they may be entitled to
21 under existing laws.”

22 **SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Department of the
23 Interior and Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the BFP, the
24 BJMP, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Civil Service
25 Commission (CSC), shall promulgate within sixty (60) days the necessary rules
26 and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

27 **SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.*** – If for any reason, any provision of this
28 Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or

1 provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full
2 force and effect.

3 SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules
4 and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with
5 this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

6 SEC. 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
7 after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general
8 circulation.

Approved,

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