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AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF THE CRIMINOLOGY PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6506, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT CREATING THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR CRIMINOLOGISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

1 ARTICLE I

2 TITLE, POLICY, OBJECTIVES, TERMS, AND PRACTICE

3 SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the
4 "Philippine Criminology Profession Act".

5 SEC. 2. *Statement of Policy.* - The State recognizes the role
6 of criminology profession in national security, public safety, peace

1 and order, and in nation-building and development. Thus, the State
2 shall endeavor to develop and nurture competent, ethical, and
3 globally competitive criminologists whose standards of professional
4 practice and service shall conform to the highest standards of
5 excellence.

6 SEC. 3. *Objectives.* – This Act shall govern:

7 (a) The examination, registration and licensure for
8 criminologists;

9 (b) The supervision, control and regulation of the practice of
10 criminology;

11 (c) The development of the professional competence of
12 criminologists through Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
13 Program; and

14 (d) The integration of all criminology professional groups.

15 SEC. 4. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act:

16 (a) *Criminology* refers to the scientific study of crimes, causes
17 of crimes, victims of crimes, and criminals, in relation to society
18 which sets and defines rules and regulations for themselves and for
19 the common good;

20 (b) *Profession* refers to the art, science, and discipline in the
21 practice of criminology; and

22 (c) *Registered criminologist* refers to a natural person who
23 holds a valid certificate of registration and a valid professional
24 identification card as criminologist issued by the Professional
25 Regulatory Board of Criminologists created under Section 6 of this
26 Act and the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) pursuant to
27 this Act.

1 SEC. 5. *Scope of Practice.* – The practice of criminology shall
2 include the following:

3 (a) In line with the practice of profession or occupation as a
4 law enforcement administrator, executive, adviser, consultant,
5 officer, agent, or employee in any private or government agency
6 performing law enforcement and quasi-police functions at the
7 Philippine National Police (PNP), National Bureau of Investigation
8 (NBI), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Bureau of Customs (BoC),
9 Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), other government banks,
10 Philippine Postal Corporation (PPC), National Intelligence
11 Coordinating Agency (NICA), Intelligence Service of the Armed
12 Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP), and other intelligence service or
13 agencies of the government exercising similar functions;

14 (b) In line with the practice of the teaching profession such as
15 those performed by a professor, instructor, or teacher in any
16 university, college, or school duly recognized by the government of
17 any of the following professional subjects of the criminology
18 program: (1) Criminal Jurisprudence and Procedure;
19 (2) Criminalistics; (3) Law Enforcement Administration; (4) Crime
20 Detection and Investigation; (5) Correctional Administration; and
21 (6) Criminal Sociology and Ethics, and other technical and
22 specialized subjects in the criminology curriculum provided for by
23 the Commission on Higher Education (CHED);

24 (c) As a technician, examiner/criminalist, or specialist in
25 dactyloscopy, deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), lie detection, firearms
26 identification, forensic photography, forensic chemistry, and other
27 scientific crime detection and investigation;

1 (d) As a correctional administrator, executive supervisor, or
2 officer in any correctional and penal institution;

3 (e) As a counselor, consultant, adviser, or researcher in any
4 government or private agency on any aspect of criminal research or
5 project involving the causes of crime, juvenile delinquency,
6 treatment of offenders, police operations, law enforcement
7 administration, scientific criminal investigation, or public safety
8 administration; and

9 (f) As a private investigator, administrator, consultant or
10 agent, or detective in any private security and investigation agency
11 organized under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

12 The Professional Regulatory Board of Criminologists may, in
13 consultation with the accredited and integrated professional
14 organization (AIPO) and subject to the approval of the PRC, revise,
15 exclude from, or add to the above-enumerated acts or activities as
16 the need arises to conform with the latest trends in the practice of
17 criminology.

18 ARTICLE II

19 CREATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY 20 BOARD OF CRIMINOLOGISTS

21 SEC. 6. *Creation of the Professional Regulatory Board of*
22 *Criminologists.* - There is hereby created a Professional
23 Regulatory Board of Criminologists, a collegial body under the
24 administrative supervision and control of the PRC. The Board shall
25 be composed of a Chairperson and four (4) members to be appointed
26 by the President of the Republic of the Philippines from a list of
27 three (3) recommendees for each position, chosen and ranked by the
28 PRC from a list of five (5) nominees for every position endorsed by

1 the AIPO to be accredited by the PRC pursuant to Section 32 hereof.
2 The new Board shall be organized not later than six (6) months from
3 the effectivity of this Act.

4 **SEC. 7. *Qualifications of Members of the Board.*** – At the
5 time of their respective appointments, the Chairperson and the
6 members of the Board must:

7 (a) Be natural-born Filipino citizens and residents of the
8 Philippines;

9 (b) Be of good moral character, good reputation and of sound
10 mind and body;

11 (c) Not be convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of
12 any offense involving moral turpitude;

13 (d) Be lawyers in good standing or holders of at least a
14 master's degree in criminology recognized by the government
15 through the CHED;

16 (e) Be registered criminologists with valid certificates of
17 registration and valid professional identification cards having at
18 least ten (10) years of practice of the profession prior to appointment
19 including at least two (2) years of teaching experience of criminology
20 or law subjects in a duly recognized college of criminology or of law
21 recognized by the government through the CHED;

22 (f) Be members in good standing of the AIPO but not an
23 officer or trustee thereof; and

24 (g) Not be members of the faculty of any school, college, or
25 university where a regular review course in criminology is offered,
26 nor members of a staff of reviewers in a review school or center, and

1 must not have any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any such
2 institution.

3 **SEC. 8. *Term of Office of the Members of the Board.*** – The
4 Chairperson and the members of the Board shall hold office for a
5 term of three (3) years from the date of appointment or until their
6 successors shall have been qualified and appointed. They may be
7 reappointed to the same office for another term of three (3) years
8 immediately after the expiry of their term: *Provided*, That the
9 holding of such position shall not be more than two (2) terms nor
10 more than six (6) years, whichever is longer: *Provided, further*,
11 That the first Board under this Act shall hold these terms of office:
12 the Chairperson for three (3) years, the first and second member for
13 two (2) years, and the third and fourth member for one (1) year:
14 *Provided, finally*, That any appointee to a vacancy with an
15 unexpired period shall only serve such period. The Chairperson and
16 the members shall duly take their oath of office.

17 **SEC. 9. *Compensation and Allowances of the Board Members.***
18 – The Chairperson and the members of the Board shall receive
19 compensation, allowances, and other benefits comparable to that
20 being received by the Chairpersons and members of existing
21 regulatory boards in the PRC as provided for under Section 10 of
22 Republic Act No. 8981, otherwise known as the “PRC Modernization
23 Act of 2000”.

24 **SEC. 10. *Powers and Duties of the Board.*** – The Board shall
25 have the following specific powers, functions, duties, and
26 responsibilities:

1 (a) Supervise and regulate the registration, licensure, and
2 practice of criminology in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

3 (b) Promulgate and issue rules and regulations implementing
4 the provisions of this Act;

5 (c) Promulgate and adopt a Code of Ethics and a Code of
6 Good Governance for the practice of criminology;

7 (d) Adopt an official seal of the Board;

8 (e) Prescribe and promulgate guidelines on the conduct of a
9 CPD program for criminologists in consultation with the AIPO;

10 (f) Promulgate, adopt or amend the syllabi and tables of
11 specification of the subjects for the licensure examinations in
12 consultation with the academe and the CHED, prepare questions for
13 the licensure examination which shall strictly be within the scope of
14 the syllabi of the subjects for examination, as well as administer,
15 correct and release the results of the licensure examinations;

16 (g) Issue, suspend, revoke, or reinstate the certificate of
17 registration of registered criminologists or cancel temporary or
18 special permit granted to foreign criminologists;

19 (h) Monitor the conditions affecting the practice of
20 criminology and, whenever necessary, adopt such measure as may
21 be deemed proper for the enhancement of the profession and the
22 maintenance of high professional, ethical, and technical standards.
23 For this purpose, the members of the Board, duly authorized by the
24 PRC, may conduct ocular inspections of establishments where
25 criminology is practiced, and in the case of schools in coordination
26 with the CHED;

1 (i) Ensure, in coordination with the CHED or other
2 authorized government offices, that all higher educational
3 instruction and offering of criminology shall comply with the
4 policies, standards, and requirements of the program as prescribed
5 by the CHED or other authorized government offices in the areas of
6 program administration, faculty, library, physical facilities and
7 equipment, curriculum, and research and education;

8 (j) Hear and investigate cases on violations of this Act, its
9 implementing rules and regulations, the Code of Ethics, the Code of
10 Good Governance and other policies and, for this purpose, to issue
11 summons, *subpoena ad testificandum* and *subpoena duces tecum* to
12 alleged violators or witnesses, or both, to compel their attendance in
13 such hearings or investigations and the production of documents in
14 connection therewith;

15 (k) Delegate to the PRC the hearing or investigation of
16 cases against alleged violators: *Provided*, That the hearing or
17 investigation of cases wherein the issue or question involved strictly
18 concerns the technical practice of criminology shall be presided over
19 by at least one (1) member of the Board assisted by a Legal or
20 Hearing Officer of the PRC;

21 (l) Recommend to the PRC the endorsement of cases
22 involving criminal violations of this Act, its implementing rules and
23 regulations, and other laws to the Prosecution Office or appropriate
24 government agency, for investigation and appropriate action;

25 (m) Hear and decide administrative cases against examinees
26 or registered criminologists: *Provided*, That if they are found guilty,
27 to cancel their examination papers and/or preclude them from

1 taking another licensure examination, or to suspend or revoke their
2 certificates of registration and cause the surrender of their
3 professional identification card: *Provided, further,* That the decision
4 of the Board shall, unless appealed to the PRC, become final and
5 executory fifteen (15) days from receipt of notice of judgment or
6 decision;

7 (n) Conduct, through the Legal or Hearing Officers, summary
8 proceedings against examinees who commit violations of this Act,
9 its implementing rules and regulations, any of the Codes
10 aforementioned, including violation of the General Instructions to
11 Examinees, and to render summary judgment thereon which shall,
12 unless appealed to the PRC, become final and executory fifteen (15)
13 days from receipt of notice of judgment or decision;

14 (o) Prepare an annual report of accomplishments on
15 programs, projects, and activities of the Board for submission to the
16 PRC after the close of each calendar year and make appropriate
17 recommendations to the PRC on issues or problems affecting the
18 criminology profession; and

19 (p) Exercise such other powers as may be provided by law as
20 well as those which may be implied from, or which are incidental or
21 necessary to effectively carry out the express powers granted to the
22 Board to achieve the objectives and purposes of this Act.

23 The resolutions, rules and regulations, and other policies
24 issued and promulgated by the Board shall be subject to review and
25 approval by the PRC. However, the Board's decisions, resolutions,
26 or orders rendered in an administrative case shall be subject to
27 review only if on appeal.

1 SEC. 11. *Grounds for Removal or Suspension of Board*
2 *Chairperson/Member.* – The President of the Philippines, upon the
3 recommendation of the PRC, after due process and administrative
4 investigation conducted by the PRC, may remove or suspend the
5 Chairperson or a member of the Board on any of the following
6 grounds:

7 (a) Gross neglect, incompetence, or dishonesty in the
8 discharge of one's duty;

9 (b) Commission of any of the grounds and the prohibited acts
10 provided in this Act and the offenses in the Revised Penal Code, the
11 Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, and other laws;

12 (c) Manipulation or rigging of the results in the licensure
13 examination for criminologists, disclosure of secret and confidential
14 information on the examination questions prior to the conduct
15 thereof, or tampering of grades; and

16 (d) Conviction with final judgment of any crime involving
17 moral turpitude.

18 The PRC, in the conduct of the investigation, shall be
19 guided by Section 7(s) of Republic Act No. 8981, the rules on
20 administrative investigation, and the applicable provisions of the
21 New Rules of Court.

22 SEC. 12. *Administrative Supervision of the Board; Provision*
23 *of Support Services.* – The Board shall be under the administrative
24 supervision of the PRC. The PRC shall keep all records of the Board
25 including applications for examination, examination papers and
26 results, minutes of deliberation and administrative cases. The PRC
27 shall designate the Secretary of the Board and shall provide the

1 other support services to the Board in order to implement the
2 provisions of this Act.

3 ARTICLE III

4 EXAMINATION, REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, AND LICENSURE

5 SEC. 13. *Passing of Licensure Examination Requirements.* –

6 Except as otherwise specifically allowed under this Act, applicants
7 for registration for the practice of criminology shall be required to
8 pass a licensure examination in such places and dates as the PRC
9 may designate in the Resolution thereof on the Master Schedules for
10 all licensure examinations in accordance with Section 7(d) of
11 Republic Act No. 8981.

12 SEC. 14. *Qualifications of an Applicant for the Licensure*
13 *Examination.* – An applicant for the licensure examination for
14 criminologists shall satisfactorily prove possession of the following
15 qualifications:

16 (a) Philippine citizenship or, in the case of an alien,
17 citizenship in a country or state which observes a reciprocity with
18 the Philippines in the practice of criminology;

19 (b) Good moral character, good reputation, and of sound mind
20 and body; and

21 (c) A holder of bachelor's degree in criminology duly conferred
22 by a school or university recognized and accredited by the CHED:
23 *Provided, That* a holder of a masteral or doctoral degree in
24 criminology shall be allowed to qualify within five (5) years from the
25 effectivity of this Act.

1 In addition, an applicant must not have been convicted of an
2 offense involving moral turpitude by a court of competent
3 jurisdiction.

4 SEC. 15. *Subjects for Licensure Examination.* - The
5 licensure examination for criminologists shall include the following:

SUBJECTS	RELATIVE WEIGHTS
(a) CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE AND PROCEDURE.....	20%
Criminal Law (Book I); Criminal Law (Book II); Criminal Procedure; Criminal Evidence; Court Testimony	
(b) LAW ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.....	20%
Police Organization and Administration with Police Planning; Police Patrol Operations with Police Communication System; Police Intelligence; Police Personnel and Records Management; Comparative Police Systems; Industrial Security Management	
(c) CRIME DETECTION AND INVESTIGATION.....	15%
Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation; Special Crime Investigation; Fire Technology and Arson Investigation; Traffic Management and Accident Investigation; Drug Education and Investigation; Vice Control	
(d) CRIMINALISTICS.....	20%
Forensic Photography; Personal Identification; Forensic Medicine; Polygraphy; Examination;	

1 Forensic Ballistics; Questioned Documents

2 (e) CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION.....10%
 3 Institutional Corrections; Non-Institutional
 4 Corrections

5 (f) CRIMINAL SOCIOLOGY.....15%
 6 Introduction to Criminology and Psychology
 7 of Crimes; Philippine Criminal Justice
 8 System; Ethics and Values; Juvenile
 9 Delinquency and Crime Prevention; Human
 10 Behavior and Crisis Management;
 11 Criminological Research and Statistics

12 The Board, in consultation with the AIPO and the academe,
 13 and subject to the approval of the PRC, may exclude any of the
 14 subjects with their corresponding ratings and their syllabi, and add
 15 new ones as the need arises to conform with technological changes
 16 brought about by trends in the profession.

17 SEC. 16. *Persons to Teach Subjects for Licensure*
 18 *Examination.* – All subjects for the licensure examination shall be
 19 taught by registered criminologists who hold valid certificates of
 20 registration, valid professional identification cards for
 21 criminologists, CPD compliant, and must meet other requirements
 22 by the CHED or other relevant government agency.

23 SEC. 17. *Rating in the Licensure Examination.* – To pass the
 24 licensure examination for criminologists, a candidate must obtain a
 25 weighted average rating of seventy-five percent (75%) with no grade
 26 of less than fifty percent (50%) in any given subject. In case the

1 examinee obtains a weighted average rating of seventy-five percent
2 (75%) but obtains a grade below fifty percent (50%) in any of the
3 subjects, the examinee may be allowed to retake that particular
4 subject once within two (2) years from the date of the examination
5 but shall be required to obtain a grade not lower than seventy-five
6 (75%) on the subject, to be considered to have passed the licensure
7 examination: *Provided*, That the examinee shall not fail more than
8 fifty percent (50%) or majority of the subjects.

9 SEC. 18. *Report of Rating.* – The Board shall submit to the
10 PRC the ratings obtained by the candidates not later than ten (10)
11 days after the last day of the examination, unless the period is
12 extended for a valid cause.

13 SEC. 19. *Oath.* – All successful examinees of the licensure
14 examination shall, prior to entering the practice of profession, take
15 their oath of profession in person before any or all of the members of
16 the Board, or any person authorized by law to administer oaths, in a
17 mass oath-taking ceremony organized by the AIPO or the academe
18 for the purpose.

19 SEC. 20. *Issuance of Certificate of Registration and*
20 *Professional Identification Card.* – A certificate of registration
21 shall be issued to examinees who pass the licensure examination for
22 criminologists subject to payment of fees prescribed by the PRC. It
23 shall bear the signatures of the Chairperson and the Commissioners
24 of the PRC and the Chairperson and members of the Board,
25 stamped with the official seal of the PRC and of the Board,
26 certifying that the person named therein is entitled to practice the
27 criminology profession with all the privileges appurtenant thereto.

1 It shall remain in full force and effect until withdrawn, suspended
2 or revoked in accordance with this Act.

3 A professional identification card bearing the registration
4 number and date of issuance, its validity and expiry duly signed by
5 the Chairperson of the PRC shall likewise be issued to every
6 registrant who has paid the prescribed fee. It shall be reissued after
7 every three (3) years upon payment of the prescribed fees.

8 **SEC. 21. *Refusal to Issue Certificate of Registration and***
9 ***Professional Identification Card.*** – The Board shall not register
10 any successful applicant for registration with or without licensure
11 examination who has been:

12 (a) Convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude by a court
13 of competent jurisdiction;

14 (b) Found guilty of immoral or dishonorable conduct by the
15 Board;

16 (c) Summarily adjudged guilty for violation of the General
17 Instructions to Examinees by the Board; and

18 (d) Declared of unsound mind by a court of competent
19 jurisdiction.

20 In refusing such registration, the Board shall give the
21 applicant a written statement setting forth the reasons therefor and
22 shall file a copy thereof in its records.

23 **SEC. 22. *Revocation or Suspension of the Certificate of***
24 ***Registration and Cancellation of Temporary/Special Permit.*** – The
25 Board shall have the power, upon notice and hearing, to revoke or
26 suspend the certificate of registration of a registered criminologist

1 or to cancel a temporary/special permit granted to a foreign
2 criminologist for the commission of any of the following acts:

3 (a) Violation of any provision of this Act, its implementing
4 rules and regulations (IRR), Code of Ethics, Code of Good
5 Governance, or policy of the Board or PRC or both;

6 (b) Perpetration or use of fraud in obtaining one's certificate
7 of registration, professional identification card, or temporary/special
8 permit;

9 (c) Gross incompetence, negligence, or ignorance resulting to
10 death or injury of a person, or damage to property;

11 (d) Nonrenewal of the professional identification card with
12 the PRC without justifiable cause;

13 (e) Aiding or abetting the illegal practice of a non-registered
14 criminologist by allowing the use of one's certificate of registration
15 or professional identification card, or both, and temporary/special
16 permit;

17 (f) Illegally practicing the profession during the suspension
18 from the practice thereof;

19 (g) Habitual use of drugs or over consumption of alcohol that
20 results in the impairment of one's ability to practice the profession
21 or a declaration by a court of competent jurisdiction that the
22 registrant is of unsound mind; and

23 (h) Noncompliance with the CPD requirements for the
24 renewal of the professional identification card.

25 The Board shall periodically evaluate the aforementioned
26 grounds and revise or exclude or add new ones as the need arises
27 subject to approval by the PRC.

1 Any person, firm or association may file charges in accordance
2 with the provision of this section against any registrant, and the
3 Board may investigate the commission of any of the
4 abovementioned acts. An affidavit-complaint shall be filed together
5 with the affidavits of witnesses and other documentary evidence
6 with the Board through the Legal and Investigation Office. The
7 conduct of an investigation *motu proprio* shall be embodied in a
8 formal charge to be signed by at least majority of the members of
9 the Board. The rules on administrative investigation issued by the
10 PRC shall govern the hearing or investigation, subject to applicable
11 provisions of this Act, Republic Act No. 8981, and the Rules of
12 Court.

13 **SEC. 23. *Reissuance of Revoked Certificate of Registration,***
14 ***Replacement of Lost or Damaged Certificate of Registration,***
15 ***Professional Identification Card or Temporary/Special Permit.*** –
16 The Board may, upon a verified petition, reinstate or reissue a
17 revoked certificate of registration after two (2) years from the
18 effectivity of the period for revocation, which is the date of
19 surrender of the certificate and the professional identification card,
20 if still valid, to the Board or the PRC, or both. The petitioner shall
21 prove to the Board that one has valid reasons to practice anew the
22 profession. In the granting of the petition, the Board shall issue a
23 Board resolution, subject to approval by the PRC.

24 A certificate of registration, professional identification card or
25 temporary/special permit that has been declared lost may be
26 reissued in accordance with the rules thereon and upon payment of
27 the prescribed fee.

1 SEC. 24. *Nonpayment of the Annual Registration Fees.* - The
2 Board shall suspend a registered criminologist from the practice of
3 the profession for nonpayment of the registration fees for two (2)
4 consecutive registration periods from the last or previous year of
5 payment. Other surcharges shall be determined and charged by the
6 PRC.

7 SEC. 25. *Vested Rights: Automatic Registration.* - All
8 criminologists registered at the effectivity of this Act shall
9 automatically be registered hereunder, subject to the provisions
10 herein set forth as to future requirements.

11 Certificates of registration and professional identification
12 cards or temporary/special permits held by such persons in good
13 standing at such effectivity date shall have the same force and effect
14 as though they were issued on or after the said effectivity.

15 ARTICLE IV

16 PRACTICE OF CRIMINOLOGY

17 SEC. 26. *Lawful Practitioners of Criminology.* - The
18 following persons shall be authorized to practice the criminology
19 profession:

20 (a) Natural persons:

21 (1) Duly registered criminologists and holders of valid
22 certificates of registration and valid professional identification cards
23 issued by the Board and the PRC pursuant to this Act; and

24 (2) Holders of valid temporary/special permits issued by the
25 Board and the PRC to foreign licensed criminologists pursuant to
26 this Act; and

1 (b) Juridical persons:

2 (1) Single proprietorship whose owner and technical staff are
3 registered criminologists;

4 (2) Partnership duly registered with the Securities and
5 Exchange Commission (SEC) as professional partnership pursuant
6 to the Civil Code and composed of partners majority of whom are
7 registered criminologists;

8 (3) Corporation duly registered with the SEC as engaged in
9 the practice of criminology and with officers and Board of Directors
10 who are all registered criminologists; and

11 (4) Association and cooperative duly registered with the
12 appropriate government agency as nonstock corporation where
13 majority of the officers, Board of Trustees, and members are
14 registered criminologists.

15 These juridical persons shall also be registered with the Board
16 and the PRC in accordance with the rules and regulations thereon.

17 SEC. 27. *Seal, Issuance, and Use of Seal.* – There shall be a
18 seal to be exclusively and legitimately used by the practitioners of
19 the criminology profession.

20 SEC. 28. *Foreign Reciprocity.* – No foreigner shall be allowed
21 to take the licensure examination for criminologists, register,
22 receive a certificate of registration and professional identification
23 card, and practice criminology in the Philippines unless the
24 requirements for the licensure examination or registration, or both,
25 and practice of criminology imposed under the laws and regulations
26 in the foreign country or state are substantially the same as those
27 required and contemplated by Philippine laws and regulations, and

1 unless the foreign laws and regulations allow Philippine citizens to
2 practice criminology within the territory of the foreign country or
3 state on the same basis, and grant the same privileges as those
4 enjoyed by the citizens, subjects, or nationals thereof.

5 *SEC. 29. Practice Through Temporary/Special Permit. –*
6 Temporary/special permits may be issued by the Board subject to
7 approval by the PRC and payment of fees the latter has prescribed
8 and charged thereof to the following:

9 (a) Registered criminologists from foreign countries or states
10 whose services are rendered either for free or for a fee:

11 (1) If they are internationally known criminologists or experts
12 in any branch or specialty of criminology; and

13 (2) If their services are urgently and importantly required for
14 lack or inadequacy of available local specialists or experts; or for the
15 promotion or advancement of the practice of criminology through
16 transfer of technology;

17 (b) Registered criminologists from foreign countries or states
18 whose services shall be free and limited to indigent patients in a
19 particular hospital, center, or clinic; and

20 (c) Registered criminologists from foreign countries or states
21 employed as exchange professors in a branch or specialty of
22 criminology in schools, colleges, or universities offering the course of
23 criminology.

24 The permit shall, among other things, contain these
25 limitations and conditions for a period of not more than one (1) year
26 subject to renewal: the branch or specialty of criminology and the
27 specific place of practice such as clinic, hospital, center, school,

1 college, or university offering the course of criminology. The Board,
2 subject to the approval of the PRC, shall promulgate the rules and
3 regulations on the implementation of this particular section.

4 **SEC. 30. *Indication of Numbers: Certificate of Registration,***
5 ***Professional Tax Receipt, and AIPO Membership.*** – The
6 practitioner of the criminology profession shall be required to
7 indicate the certificate of registration number and the date of
8 issuance, the expiry of the current professional identification card,
9 the professional tax receipt number and date, and the AIPO
10 membership number and date with official receipt number and date
11 of membership payment, annual or lifetime, on the documents one
12 signs, uses or issues in connection with the practice of the
13 profession.

14 **SEC. 31. *Roster of Registered Criminologists.*** – The Board
15 shall prepare and maintain a roster showing the names, residence
16 and office addresses of all registered criminologists, which shall be
17 updated annually in cooperation with the AIPO, indicating therein
18 the status of the certificate of registration, professional
19 identification card, and AIPO membership. The roster shall be
20 made available to any party as may be deemed necessary.

21 **SEC. 32. *Integration of Registered Criminologists.*** – All
22 registered criminologists shall be integrated into one (1) national
23 organization of criminologists that is duly registered with the SEC.
24 The Board, subject to the approval by the PRC, shall accredit the
25 organization as the one and only integrated and accredited national
26 organization of criminologists: *Provided, That its continued*
27 *accreditation is subject to compliance with the periodic*

1 requirements and standards set forth by the PRC. All criminologists
2 whose names appear in the Registry Book of Criminologists shall
3 *ipso facto* or automatically become members thereof and shall
4 receive therefrom all the benefits and privileges upon payment of
5 AIPO membership fees and dues.

6 Membership in an affiliate organization of criminologists shall
7 not be barred.

8 ARTICLE V

9 PRIVILEGES OF REGISTERED CRIMINOLOGISTS

10 SEC. 33. *Privileges of Registered Criminologists.* - All
11 registered criminologists shall be exempt from taking any other
12 entrance or qualifying government or civil service examination and
13 shall be considered civil service eligible to the following government
14 positions, among others: (a) Dactylographer; (b) Ballistician;
15 (c) Questioned Document Examiner; (d) Forensic Photographer;
16 (e) Polygraph Examiner; (f) Probation Officer; (g) Parole Officer;
17 (h) Special Investigator; (i) Special Agent; (j) Investigative Agent;
18 (k) Intelligence Agent; (l) Law Enforcement Evaluation Officer;
19 (m) NAPOLCOM Inspector; (n) Traffic Operation Officer;
20 (o) Associate Graft Investigation Officer; (p) Special Police Officer;
21 (q) Penal Institution Program Officer; (r) Sheriff; (s) Security
22 Officer; (t) Criminal Investigator; (u) Warden; (v) Penal Institution
23 Officer; (w) Firefighter; (x) Fire Marshall; (y) Jail Officer up to the
24 rank of Jail Superintendent; and (z) Police Officer up to the rank of
25 Police Superintendent.

26 SEC. 34. *Preference in Appointment to Positions in Public*
27 *Institutions in the Criminal Justice System, and Other Government*

1 *Institutions.* – Registered criminologists shall enjoy priority of
2 appointment and shall not be required to take qualifying or
3 entrance examinations in the PNP, NBI, Bureau of Jail
4 Management and Penology (BJMP), Bureau of Fire Protection
5 (BFP), Land Transportation Office (LTO), and other government
6 positions related to criminology, police and law enforcement work,
7 investigations and security, corrections and public safety of the
8 following bureaus, departments, institutions or agencies of the
9 government: Department of Justice, Commission on Human Rights,
10 Office of the Ombudsman, Philippine Ports Authority, Commission
11 on Elections, Bureau of Treasury, Philippine Amusement and
12 Gaming Corporation, Department of Environment and Natural
13 Resources, Department of Tourism, Department of Trade and
14 Industry, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Bureau of Immigration,
15 BoC, Department of Transportation, Air Transportation Office,
16 BSP, BIR, CHED, City/Municipal Security Office, Provincial Jail,
17 Provincial Security Office, Metropolitan Manila Development
18 Authority, Supreme Court and lower courts, Social Security System,
19 National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), Autonomous Region for
20 Muslim Mindanao, Optical Media Board, Intellectual Property
21 Rights Office, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, Public
22 Attorney's Office, PPC, government-owned and -controlled
23 corporations, and other government agencies with positions
24 involving the practice of criminology.

25 SEC. 35. *Lateral Entry of Registered Criminologists in the*
26 *Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Jail Management and*
27 *Penology (BJMP), and the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP).* –

1 Registered criminologists shall be eligible and given preference for
2 appointment as Police, Fire and Jail Inspectors: *Provided*, That
3 they possess the general qualifications for appointment as provided
4 in the existing laws on appointment of police officers in the PNP,
5 fire officers in the BFP, and jail officers in the BJMP: *Provided*,
6 *further*, That those who are already in the police, fire protection,
7 and jail service as noncommissioned officers and who are already
8 registered and licensed criminologists shall be given utmost
9 preference for lateral entry.

10 SEC. 36. *Penal Clause.* – A fine of not less than One hundred
11 thousand pesos (P100,000.00) nor more than Five hundred
12 thousand pesos (P500,000.00) or imprisonment for not less than one
13 (1) year nor more than six (6) years, or both, at the discretion of the
14 court shall be imposed upon any person who shall commit any of the
15 following acts:

16 (a) Practicing criminology without a valid certificate of
17 registration and valid professional identification card or valid
18 temporary/special permit;

19 (b) Attempting to use the seal, certificate of registration, and
20 professional identification card of a registered criminologist or
21 temporary/special permit issued to a foreign criminologist;

22 (c) Abetting the illegal practice of criminology by an
23 unregistered or unauthorized person;

24 (d) Securing through false information or fraudulent means a
25 certificate of registration and professional identification card or
26 temporary/special permit;

1 (e) Impersonating a registered criminologist or a holder of a
2 temporary/special permit; and

3 (f) Violating any provision of this Act or the implementing
4 rules and regulations thereof.

5 Where the violator is a juridical person, the Board of Directors
6 and other responsible officers of the corporation shall be held liable.

7 SEC. 37. *Enforcement.* – In carrying out the provisions of
8 this Act, the Board shall be assisted by the PRC, the AIPO, duly
9 constituted government agencies and authorities, and private
10 organizations in the industry.

11 SEC. 38. *Appropriations.* – The Chairperson of the PRC
12 shall immediately include in the Commission's programs the
13 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included
14 in the annual General Appropriations Act.

15 SEC. 39. *Transitory Provision.* – The incumbent Board shall,
16 in an interim capacity, continue to operate or function by carrying
17 out the provisions of this Act without need of new appointments of
18 the Chairperson and members thereof until the first Board created
19 under this Act shall have been constituted or organized pursuant
20 thereto.

21 SEC. 40. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within
22 ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board, shall,
23 subject to approval by the PRC and in coordination with the AIPO,
24 prescribe, promulgate, and issue a Board resolution on the
25 implementing rules and regulations of this Act and which shall be
26 effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*
27 or in any newspaper of general circulation.

1 SEC. 41. *Repealing Clause.* – Republic Act No. 6506, known
2 as “An Act Creating the Board of Examiners for Criminologists in
3 the Philippines and for Other Purposes”, is hereby repealed. All
4 other laws, decrees, orders, letters of instruction, rules and
5 regulations, or other issuances, and parts thereof inconsistent with
6 the provisions of this Act are likewise repealed or modified
7 accordingly.

8 SEC. 42. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision, section, or
9 part of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such
10 judgment shall not affect, invalidate or impair any other provisions,
11 sections, or parts hereof.

12 SEC. 43. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
13 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of
14 general circulation.

Approved,

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