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Introduced by SENATOR RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA

AN ACT

INCREASING THE COMPULSORY AGE OF RETIREMENT FOR OFFICERS AND NON-OFFICERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE FROM FIFTY-SIX YEARS OLD TO FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS OLD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 39 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990" AS AMENDED

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Early this year, we have submitted to the Office of the President a bill providing for organizational reforms in the Philippine National Police (PNP). Unfortunately, said bill was vetoed.

One of the provisions in the vetoed bill seeks to increase the compulsory retirement age of retirement for officers and non-officers of the PNP from the fifty-six (56) years old to fifty-seven (57) years old. This provision was not included as one of the justifications for the President's veto of the aforementioned bill.

As such, in order to achieve harmonization of retirement of our military and police personnel, this bill aims to provide the same retirement age of 57 years old for our PNP personnel, as it is for our AFP personnel. In this manner, the retirement policy that governs those who protect us from external security threats and those who protect us from internal security threats, shall be one and the same.

In view of the foregoing, I earnestly seek the swift passage of this bill.

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

Section 1. Section 39 of R. A. No. 6975, as amended by R. A. 11200, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 39. Compulsory Retirement. – Compulsory retirement, for officer and non-officer, shall be upon the attainment of age [fifty-six-(56)] **FIFTY-SEVEN (57)**: Provided, That, in case of any officer with the rank of Police Brigadier General, Police Major General or Police Lieutenant General, the Commission may allow his retention in the service for an unextendible period of one (1) year[-]: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT UNIFORMED PERSONNEL WHO HAVE LESS THAN ONE (1) YEAR IN THE SERVICE UPON THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT SHALL HAVE THE OPTION TO RETIRE AT THE AGE OF FIFTY-SIX (56)."

- Sec. 2. *Repealing Clause.* All other laws, decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- Sec. 3. *Effectivity*. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,