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AN ACT

INCREASING THE COMPULSORY AGE OF RETIREMENT FOR OFFICERS AND NON-OFFICERS OF THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY AND THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION FROM FIFTY-SIX (56) YEARS OLD TO FIFTY-SEVEN (57) 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

From the passage of Republic Act No. 6975 in 1990, which created the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) under which the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) belong, to the enactment of Republic Act No. 9263 in 2004 which professionalized the BJMP and BFP, which have grown to a total current staff complement of 26,000 and 41,286 respectively.

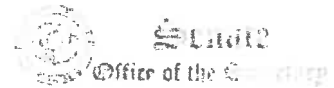
This bill seeks to increase the age of compulsory retirement from fifty-six (56) years old to fifty-seven (57) years old in order to give the senior officers of the BJMP and BFP the opportunity to maximize their expertise, leadership, and institutional knowledge while providing additional time to impart the same to the younger officers of the bureau.

This measure is likewise aligned with the adjustment in the age of compulsory retirement made for the members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and the current move to do the same in the case of the members of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of the same is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. *Section 39 of RA 6975, is hereby amended to read as follows:*

"SEC 39. Compulsory Retirement - Compulsory retirement, for officer and non-officer, **INCLUDING THE UNIFORMED PERSONNEL OF THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY AND THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION**, shall be upon the attainment of age **[fifty-six (56)]FIFTY-SEVEN (57)**: Provided, That, in case of any officer with the rank of chief superintendent, director, or deputy director general, the Commission may allow his retention in the service for an unextendible period of one (1) year."

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SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* All other laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or portions thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,