

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9708, August 12, 2009]

AN ACT EXTENDING FOR FIVE (5) YEARS THE REGLEMENTARY PERIOD FOR COMPLYING WITH THE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) AND ADJUSTING THE PROMOTION SYSTEM THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 30(j) of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended by Section 14 of Republic Act No. 8551, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 30 *General Qualification for Appointment.* — No person shall be appointed as officer or member of the PNP unless he or she possess the following minimum qualifications"

"x x x

"(j) For a new applicant, must not be less than twenty-one (21) nor more than thirty (30) years of age: *Provided*, That except for the last qualification, the above-enumerated qualifications shall be continuing in character and an absence of any one of them at any given time shall be a ground for separation or retirement from the service: *Provided, further*, That PNP members who are already in the service upon the effectivity of Republic Act No. 8551 shall be given five (5) years to obtain the minimum educational qualification preferably in law enforcement related courses, to be reckoned from the date of effectivity of this amendatory Act: *Provided, furthermore*, That for concerned PNP members rendering more than fifteen (15) years of service and who have exhibited exemplary performance as determined by the Commission, shall no longer be required to comply with the aforementioned minimum educational requirement.

"x x x."

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

"SEC. 38. *Promotions.* — (a) A uniformed member of the PNP shall not be eligible for promotion to a higher position or rank unless he or she has successfully passed the corresponding promotional examination given by the Commission, or the Bar, or the corresponding board examinations for technical services and other professions, has satisfactorily completed the