

[ **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11549, May 26, 2021** ]

**AN ACT LOWERING THE MINIMUM HEIGHT REQUIREMENT FOR APPLICANTS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP), BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), AND BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS (BUCOR), AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10575**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "PNP, BFP, BJMP and BuCor Height Equity Act".

SEC. 2. Section 30 of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 30. *general Qualifications for Appointment.* - No person shall be appointed as officer or member of the PNP unless he or she possesses the following minimum qualifications:

"(a) x x x

"(b) x x x

"(c) x x x

"(d) x x x

"(e) x x x

"(f) x x x

"(g) x x x

"(h) Must be at least one meter and fifty-seven centimeters (1.57 m.) in height for males and one meter and fifty-two centimeters (1.52 m.) for females: *Provided*, That a waiver for height requirement shall be automatically granted to applicants belonging to the cultural communities/indigenous peoples:

"(i) x x x

"(j) x x x

"x x x

"x x x."

SEC. 3. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9263 is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. *Professionalization and Upgrading of Qualification Standards in the Appointment of Uniformed Personnel to the BFP and the BJMP.* - No person shall be appointed as uniformed personnel of the BFP and the BJMP unless he/she possesses the following minimum qualifications:

"(a) x x x

"(b) x x x

"(c) x x x

"(d) x x x

"(e) x x x

"(f) x x x

"(g) x x x

"(h) Must be at least one meter and fifty-seven centimeters (1.57 m.) in height for males and one meter and fifty-two centimeters (1.52 m.) for females: *Provided,* That a waiver for height and age requirements shall be automatically granted to applicants belonging to the cultural communities/indigenous peoples; and

"(i) x x x

"x x x

"x x x."

SEC. 4. Section 11 of Republic Act No. 10575 is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 11. *Professionalization and Upgrading of Qualification Standards in the Appointment of the BuCor Personnel.* - (a) No person shall be appointed as personnel of the BuCor unless one possesses the following minimum qualifications:

"(1) x x x

"(2) x x x

"(3) x x x

"(4) x x x

"(5) x x x