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PGMA Approves the Amendments of RA 9263; Firemen and Jailguards Keep their Jobs

On May 08, 2009, Her Excellency President **GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO** signed Republic Act 9592, amending certain provisions of RA 9263 for those uniformed personnel who are already in the service prior to the effectivity of the latter Act thereby extending for another five (5) years the reglementary period for complying with the minimum educational qualification and appropriate civil service eligibility to be reckoned from the date of the effectivity of this Act. The law provides, under Sec. 4, entitled Professionalization and Upgrading of Qualification Standards in the Appointment of Uniformed Personnel to the BFP and the BJMP, sub-paragraph i provides, that:

“xxx Provided, further, that the uniformed personnel who are already in the service prior to the effectivity of Republic Act 9263 shall be given another five (5) years to obtain the minimum educational qualification and appropriate civil service eligibility to be reckoned form the date of the effectivity of this act: Provided, furthermore, that concerned BFP and BJMP members who have rendered more than fifteen (15) years of service at the time of the effectivity of this Act shall no longer be required to comply with the aforementioned educational and eligibility requirements. Likewise, those personnel who have acquired National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) eligibility prior to the effectivity of Republic Act No. 9263 shall no longer be required to obtain the appropriate civil service eligibility:xxx”.

The intention of this law is to implement social justice and promote the welfare of the fire and jail personnel who dedicated their lives to public service.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the BFP headed by the Acting Chief, **FCSUPT ROLANDO M BANDILLA JR**, the BJMP, the CSC and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), will promulgate necessary rules and regulation for effective implementation of the said Act. ###

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