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AN ACT

DECLARING THE CONFERMENT OF A DOCTORATE DEGREE AS EQUIVALENT TO ENTRY LEVEL CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE OFFICER ELIGIBILITY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 12 (2), Chapter 3, Subtitle A, Title I, Book V of the Revised Administration Code of 1987 states that among the powers and functions of the Civil Service Commission, the Commission shall prescribe, amend, and enforce rules and regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of the Civil Service Law and other pertinent laws.

One of the major functions of the Commission is the granting of civil service eligibility under special laws upon meeting the qualifications and fulfilling of documentary requirements without taking the regular civil service examinations.

By virtue of Republic Act No. 1080, the bar examinations and the examinations given by the various boards of examiners of the Government are declared as civil service examinations. Hence, those who passed these examinations may be appointed into the civil service without the necessity of passing the civil service examinations, except those positions requiring highly specialized knowledge not covered by the ordinary board examinations.

This bill seeks to grant holders of doctorate degrees recognizing their educational competence and fitness for appointment or promotion to executive positions in the civil service by reason of their having completed post graduate studies. It aims to provide the same privilege given to those who passed the bar or board examinations to holders of doctorate degrees which is equivalent to, if not more than the bar or board examinations.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 **SECTION 1.** The conferment of a doctorate degree by an institution of higher
2 learning duly accredited by the Commission on Higher Education is hereby declared as
3 equivalent to entry level Career Executive Service Officer (CESO) eligibility in the civil
4 service for purposes of appointment to executive positions in the classified service in the
5 Government or any of its branches, subdivisions, instrumentalities and agencies including
6 government-owned or controlled corporations with original charters, except with regard to
7 positions requiring highly specialized knowledge not covered by the doctorate degree of the
8 holder.

9 **SEC. 2.** The registrars or other responsible officers of duly accredited colleges and
10 Universities offering doctorate degrees shall regularly furnish the Civil Service Commission
11 (CSC) with a list of graduates of their respective colleges or universities who have been
12 conferred with doctorate degrees within sixty (60) days from conferment.

13 **SEC. 3.** Eligibility shall commence on the date of conferment. Provided, that for
14 those who have already been conferred doctorate degrees prior to the passage of this Act,
15 their eligibility shall be deemed to commence from the approval hereof.

16 **SEC. 4.** The Civil Service Commission shall promulgate the rules and regulations to
17 implement the provisions of this Act.

18 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its
19 publication in the Official Gazette or in At least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,