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House Bill No. 1113

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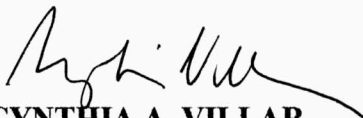
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to protect graduates of courses requiring board, bar or any licensing examination from being compelled to take review classes in the same educational institution where he or she graduated.

Many students decry some objectionable practices of educational institutions offering courses requiring board, bar or any licensing examination. One of these objectionable practices is compelling the graduates to take review classes in the same educational institution of which he or she is a graduate under pain of delaying the release of transcripts or scholastic records. Considering the Constitutional provisions on the protection and promotion of education, it would be better to enhance and strengthen the same by granting these graduates the right to freely choose the educational institutions wherein they would take their review classes.

It is toward this goal of strengthening and enhancing the Constitutional provisions on the protection and promotion of education that this Bill is being proposed.

Approval of this bill is recommended.


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AN ACT PROHIBITING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FROM COMPELLING THEIR GRADUATES TO TAKE REVIEW CLASSES AND/OR PRE-LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS OR REFRESHER COURSES THEREIN, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Any provision of existing laws, rules and regulations to the contrary notwithstanding, it shall be unlawful for an educational institutions offering courses/programs requiring licensure examinations from compelling its graduates to take review classes and/or pre-licensure examinations or refresher course/s therein.

It shall be unlawful for the said institution to withhold the transcript of scholastic record, diploma, certification or any essential document in support of the application for the professional licensure examination of the graduate if he/she does not take review classes and/or pre-licensure examinations or refresher course/s therein.

The provision of the paragraphs notwithstanding, only the officers and agents of the educational institutions who have participated in or those who have perpetuated, whether solely or in concert/conspiracy with each other, authorized or ratified the acts prohibited herein shall be held criminally and/or civilly liable.

SEC. 2. Any violation of this Act shall be punishable by imprisonment ranging from three (3) months to one (1) year or a fine ranging from Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00)

to One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00), or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, any criminal offense punishable under this Act shall be under the jurisdiction of the Municipal or Metropolitan Trial Court.

SEC. 3. All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,