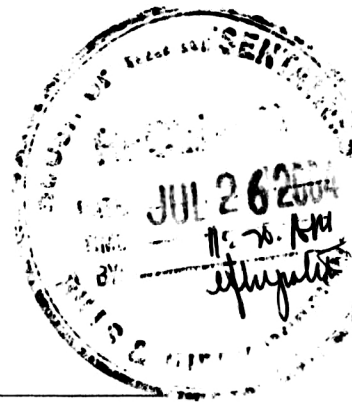


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to regulate the operation of review centers or institutions nationwide which offer review classes or courses in preparation for professional board or any other similar examinations.

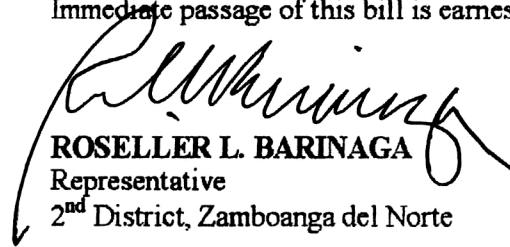
Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution specifically states that "the State shall recognize the complementary roles of public and private institutions in the educational system and shall exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all educational institutions," and that it shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society."

Through the years, there have been established schools or review centers or institutions which offer review classes or courses in the guise of preparing young professionals for the various professional board examinations or any other similar examinations either for local or international employment. While there are, of course, a lot of institutions who are really committed to their mandate, there are also some which have been found to be highly commercialized and their academic programs questionable. This does not include the fact that some of these have non-conducive atmosphere for learning. Time and again, complaint cases have been lodged to proper authorities like the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) but to no avail.

The issue often raised by the CHED is that the Commission has no clearly mandate as to the monitoring, evaluation, registration and accreditation of these review centers or institutions.

This bill therefore will provide a venue for the CHED to impose sanctions on institutions which offer haphazard academic programs and substandard review classes and facilities. This bill will ultimately give the students and their parents their due for quality education and proper preparation for the professional examinations the students intend to take.

Immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF ALL REVIEW CENTERS FOR BOARD
AND OTHER FORMS OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL
EXAMINATIONS NATIONWIDE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Title. This Act shall be known as the "Review Centers Regulation Act of 2004".

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policies. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to recognize the complementary roles of public and private institutions in the educational system and shall exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all educational institutions. The State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.

SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this Act, the following terms are defined as follow:

SEC. 4. Scope and Coverage. This Act shall cover all public and private review centers and other similar institutions which offer review classes, courses, seminars, or any other similar educational training programs in preparation for any professional board or any other examination, whether for local or international employment.

SEC. 5. System of Registration and Accreditation. For purposes of this Act, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall pursue and work for a system of registration and accreditation whereby it shall set minimum requirements for the regulation of the operation of such review centers or institutions.

In order to impose stiffer regulation of aforesaid review centers or institutions, the CHED shall institutionalize a mechanism to penalize those review centers or institutions which do not comply with the minimum requirements of the Commission.

SEC. 6. *Evaluation.* In no case shall the CHED allow any review center or institution to register and be accredited or renew the registration and/or accreditation of any review center or institution if such does not comply the minimum requirements of the Commission and/or pass the evaluation of the Commission.

For purposes of evaluation, a review center or institution is required to submit to the CHED the program syllabi being used in the review classes or program, the list and profile of reviewers and any other pertinent documents necessary as mandated by the CHED.

SEC. 7. *Required Passing Rate.* No review center or institution shall be allowed to renew its registration and/or accreditation unless its has produced at least fifty percent (50%) passing rate in the latest professional board or other similar examinations held.

SEC. 8. *Rules and Guidelines.* The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 9. *Penalty Clause.* Refusal on the part of the head of any review center or institution to effect the intent and provisions of this Act shall be penalized by a fine of Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00).

SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.* If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.* Any law, decree, order, rules and regulations or part thereof which is inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines, whichever comes earlier.

Approved.