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House Bill No. 3706



Hon. Robert "Dodot" Jaworski, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article III Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution states that it shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development, which shall endeavor to make essential health and other social services available to all the people. There shall be a priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children.

Republic Act No. 7164, as amended by Republic Act No. 9173 created the Board of Nursing for the purpose of assuming the responsibility for protection, improvement, and to professionalize the nursing vocation by instituting measures that will result in relevant nursing education, humane working conditions, better career prospects and a dignified existence for our nurses. The state also hereby guarantees the delivery of quality basic health services through an adequate nursing personnel system throughout the country.

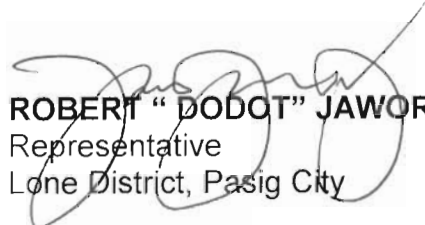
This Act seeks to repeal Republic Act 9173, creating the Board of Nursing. Obviously, the Board of Nursing has become irrelevant and no longer serves the purpose for which it was created. No better proof of such irrelevance, is the fact that thousands of nurses have already left for abroad and thousands more are wanting to migrate.

It is submitted that our nurses would not have sought employment abroad in the hope of greener pastures, if there are only enough, sufficient, attractive, professional and financially feasible jobs locally available.

The nobility of nursing, both as a profession and as a calling has been eroded under the watch of the said board.

The composition of the board consists of members of the same profession belonging to different health institutions. As such, it has been an apparent practice to uphold only the interest of the institutions represented, therefore defeating the purpose it was meant for. This seeming truth gives credence to the allegations that these group of so-called professionals are incapable of regulating themselves, leading to the degradation of Nursing as a profession in this country. This waste of badly needed government resources should therefore be put to an immediate halt.

In view of the foregoing the immediate approval of this Act is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9173, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
“ THE PHILIPPINE NURSING ACT OF 2002” AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The Board of Nursing is hereby abolished within three (3) months after the approval of this Act.

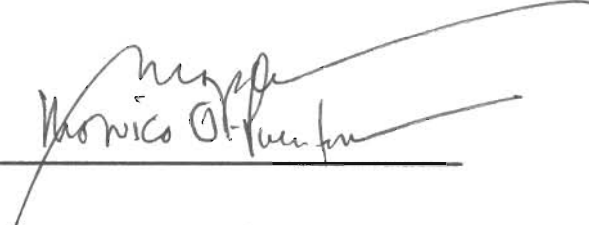
SECTION 2. The powers and functions of the defunct Board of Nursing shall devolve to the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) For this purpose, all records and documents shall be turned over to the Professional Regulation Commission.

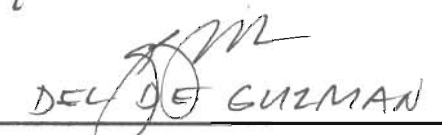
SECTION 3. R.A. No. 9173 otherwise known as “Philippine Nursing Act of 2002” is hereby repealed and all other laws, orders, proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

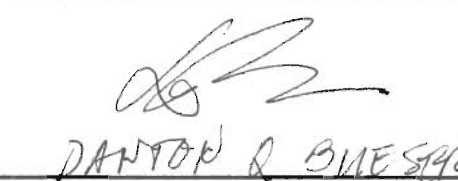
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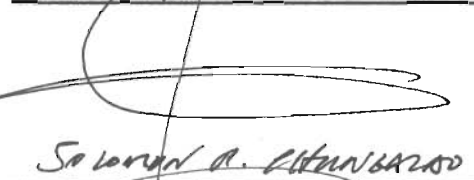

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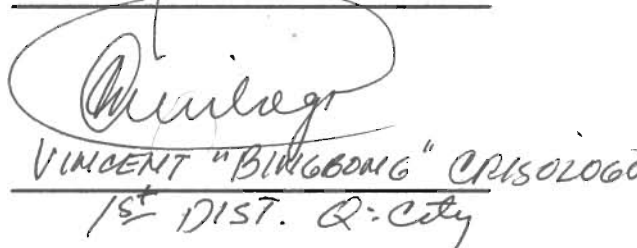

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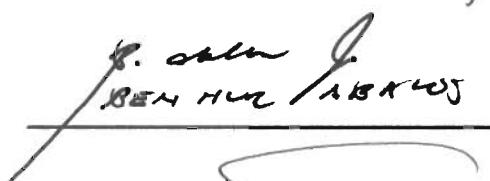

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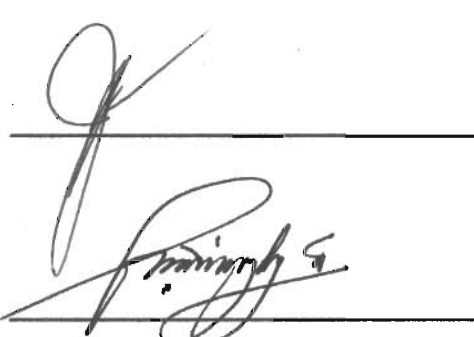

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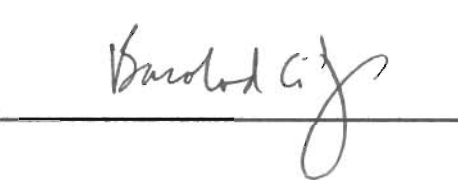

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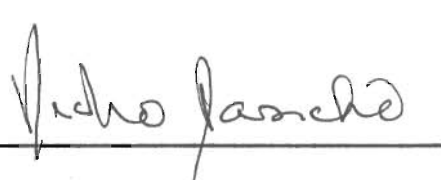
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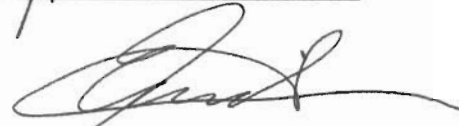
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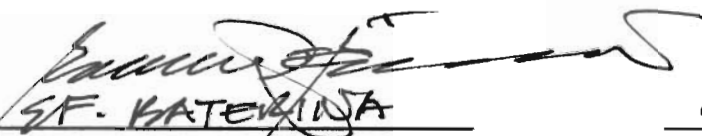
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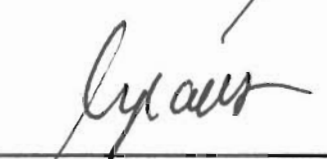

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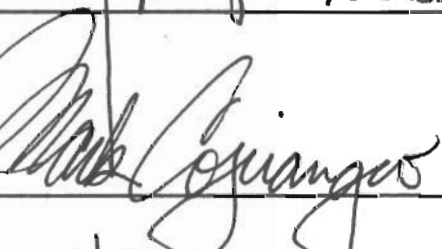
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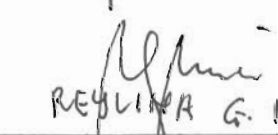
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