



Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila



Thirteenth Congress  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 5564**

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**Introduced by Honorable Remedios L. Petilla**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to allow applicants who are eighteen (18) years of age to take government licensure examinations.

Many of our existing laws governing the conduct of national licensure examinations, under the administration, regulation and supervision of the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC), provide for age requirement of at least twenty-one (21) years old to take a professional licensure or board examination. Such age requirement bars applicants below twenty-one (21) years old who have completed a four-year degree course from taking professional licensure or board examinations. This requirement is discriminatory to students who, due to their entry in the primary level at a young age or due to grade acceleration as a result of extraordinary intelligence quotient, complete a college degree before reaching age twenty-one (21).

It is the aim of this bill, therefore, to remove such age discrimination and barrier in order to realize the very intention of our educational system to recognize mentally gifted students. This also dovetails with Republic Act No. 6809, lowering the age of majority from twenty-one (21) to eighteen (18) years.

Hence, early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ALLOWING APPLICANTS WHO ARE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO**  
**TAKE GOVERNMENT LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS**

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

SECTION 1. Any applicant who is eighteen (18) years of age is allowed to take government licensure examinations.

SEC. 2. The Professional Regulations Commission shall, within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, executive orders and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,