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House Bill No. **2361**



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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) is tasked to implement and enforce policies on the licensing of various occupations and professions under its jurisdiction. But this duty can only be considered as fully implemented if the same is executed in the most efficient and effective way possible.

In the 2010 Census of Population and Housing by the National Statistics Office, 40.94% of the total population of Region VI (2,907,859 out of 7,102,438) are from Negros Occidental. Hence, the greater number of graduates and licensing applicants come from this point of the region. It is an impracticality and a big financial burden for Negrosanons to travel to the City of Iloilo to apply for or to update their professional licenses. This is not to mention the inconveniences and other considerations.

Considering the vital function of the Commission and the welfare of all professional licensing applicants and holders, it is more than imperative to establish a permanent office of the Professional Regulation Commission in Bacolod City. This will hasten the processing of licensing applications for the people and also lessen the burden of expense and extra work for the applicants and the employees of the PRC regional office, respectively.

Since a long time ago, because of the urgent need, there has been a loud clamor from the people for the permanent presence of the PRC in such a strategic location like Bacolod City.

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

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC) OFFICE IN**  
**BACOLOD CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1       **SECTION 1.** There shall be established a Professional Regulation Commission  
2 (PRC) Office in Bacolod City.

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4       **SEC. 2.** The Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)  
5 shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this  
6 Act.

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8       **SEC. 3.** The Secretary of DOLE shall immediately include in the Department's  
9 programs the operationalization of the PRC Office in Bacolod City, the funding of which  
10 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

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15       Approved,