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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines has a total land area of thirty million hectares of which 15.2 million hectares or fifty-two percent (52%) is officially classified as forestland administered by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). The total forest cover is estimated at 7.168 million hectares (24.7%) while the remaining eight million hectares are denuded or degraded forest.

Deforestation has been the only culprit for floods that have devastated many towns and cities in the Philippines. It is primarily because forests are crucial in minimizing landslides and floods as trees prevent sediment runoff and erosion.

In order to help provide a long term solution to this perennial problem, the government has to tap all sectors of society, like the professionals, to help prevent or minimize the impact of natural calamities, like floods and landslides.

Considering the number of professionals in our country, there will be plenty of trees to be planted each year. Tree-planting or rendering community service is a way of giving back to our communities for the blessings that had been showered upon us. This may be a valid substitute for required military service in other countries.

It is worthy to mention that this proposed requirement for the renewal of Professional Identification Card is not unique to the Philippines. In fact, in United States, for renewing Mariners License for example, physical examinations, drug testing and completing six (6) hours of approved college course are required. The only difference is that their requirement is more for personal booster while this proposal is for a patriotic cause.

It is therefore the foremost objective of this bill to help provide a way of solving this perennial problem by requiring licensed professional to plant a tree or in the alternative to render eight hours community service each year as a requisite for the renewal of their Professional Identification Card.

The foregoing reasons warrant the approval of this bill.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING LICENSED PROFESSIONALS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF
THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC) TO PLANT A
TREE OR RENDER COMMUNITY SERVICE EVERY YEAR AS REQUISITE
FOR THE RENEWAL OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD

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

SECTION 1. All licensed professionals under the supervision of the Professional Regulation Commission are hereby required to plant a tree or render eight hours community service in any community of her or his choice as a requisite for the renewal of Professional Identification Card.

SEC. 2. No Professional Identification Card shall be renewed by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) unless a Certification issued by the Local Chief Executive where the tree-planting activity or community service took place is presented as a proof of compliance.

SEC. 3. The PRC shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,