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Introduced by Hon. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Continuing professional development takes time and finances to accomplish while practicing professions, living life with family, friends, and professional associates, and undertaking leisurely or life-enriching pursuits.

The current period of three years of validity of the license to practice professions which is evidenced by the Professional Identification Card and the Certificate of Registration is insufficient time for doing continuing professional development learning.

There is precedent for five-year validity of professional license and that is as regards the maritime professionals' compliance with the Standards of Certification and Watch keeping (STCW).

With this proposed legislation, we give professionals ample time for continuing professional development.

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ATTY. SALVADOR B. BELARO, JR.

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AN ACT
EXTENDING TO AND SETTING AT FIVE (5) YEARS
THE VALIDITY OF THE PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD
AND CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION
OF EVERY PROFESSIONAL UNDER LAWS GOVERNING THE
PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES

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

Section 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "*PRC License Effectivity Act*".

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the declared policy of the State, as enshrined in the Constitution, to sustain the development of a reservoir of national talents consisting of Filipino scientists, entrepreneurs, professionals, managers, high-level technical manpower and skilled workers and craftsmen in all fields.

Section 3. Validity of Professional Identification Card and Certificate of Registration. - This Act hereby extends to and sets at five (5) years:

- a. the validity of the Professional Identification Card issued and renewed by the Professional Regulation Commission, and;
- b. the Certificate of Registration of every professional who meets all the requirements for registration of a professional under the laws governing the practice of professions in the Philippines.

Section 4. Separability. - If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders, and administrative orders or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.