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Introduced by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is a state policy to promote the development of national talents of Filipinos and support their continuing professional development. Section 14 of Article XII of the Constitution provides that "The sustained 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 shall be promoted by the State."

However, it is noted that while professional development is strongly encouraged, the current period given for professionals are insufficient to comply with the requirements.

This bill aims to extend the validity of professional identification cards and certificates of registrations of professionals from the current three (3) years to five (5) years. The purpose is to provide enough time to comply with continuing professional development learning.

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


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

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

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

SEC. 2. Validity of Professional Identification Card. The validity of Professional Identification Card issued and renewed by the Professional Regulation Commission is extended and set to five (5) years.

SEC. 2 Validity of Certificate of Registration. - The validity of Certificate of Registration of every professional who meets all the requirements for registration of professional under the laws governing the practice of professions in the Philippines is extended and set to five (5) years.

SEC. 3. Separability Clause. - If any provision or section of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions and sections not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and administrative orders inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.