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HOUSE BILL No. 6461



Introduced by REP. RODEL M. BATOCABE, REP. ALFREDO A. GARBIN, Jr.,
REP. CHRISTOPHER S. CO

AN ACT
EXEMPTING OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS FROM THE CONTINUING
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENT IN THE RENEWAL OF THEIR
LICENSE UNDER THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE RA 10912 OR THE "CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to exempt overseas Filipino workers from the mandatory requirement to undergo Continuing Professional Development as a condition to the renewal of their license under Professional Regulation Commission.

In 2016, an estimated 2.2 million OFWs worked abroad at any time during the period of April to September. Many of these OFWs are licensed professionals who will be away for a long period of time in order to earn enough for their family here in the Philippines. The total remittance sent by our OFWs in the first half of 2017 was estimated at around Php783 billion.

OFWs are vital to the economy and are rightfully considered our "*bagong hayani*." In the course of their work in foreign countries, OFWs who are licensed professionals are required to comply with several requirements and competencies by their employer or the host country. This means that OFW professionals are, during their stay abroad, already obligated to undergo professional development in relation to their work.

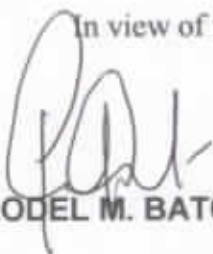
We should therefore not add unnecessary burden to our OFWs by exempting them from the requirement of the Republic Act 10912 otherwise known as the "Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016."

For one, as mentioned above, they are already being obligated to undergo professional development by their employers abroad. Also, since they are outside the jurisdiction of the PRC during the period they work abroad, they should not be subject to the mandatory requirement of Continuing Professional Development under RA 10912.

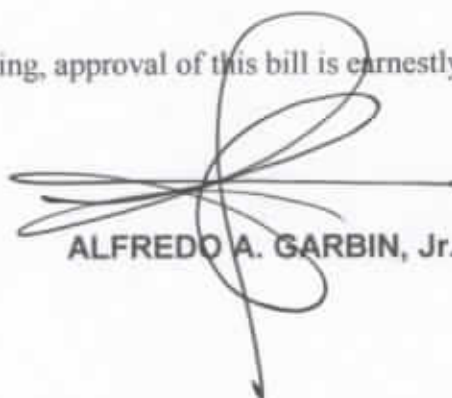
If enacted into law, this bill will reduce the burden on our OFWS who are licensed professionals by granting them exemption from the requirement of Sec 10, Art III of RA 10912 which provides that Continuing Professional Development is a mandatory requirement in the renewal of their licenses with the Professional Regulation Commission.

Essentially, it is our duty to our licensed professional OFWs who have contributed so much to our economy to grant them the proposed exemption.

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



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1 SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All other existing laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
2 proclamations or administrative regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
3 are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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5 SECTION 5. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of
6 its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

7 *Approved,*