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Introduced by **MAGDALO Party-List Representative**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution expressly states:

all “The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at levels and shall take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all.”

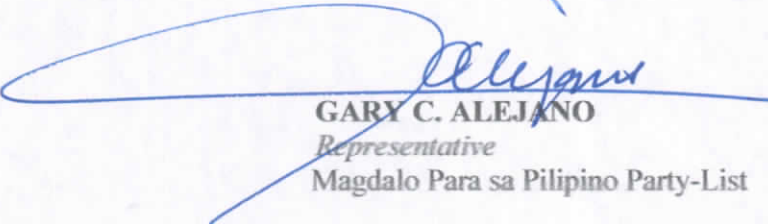
Likewise, Article II, Section 17 of the Constitution declares that:

total “The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress and promote human liberation and development.”

In light with such mandates from the highest law of the land, the State is therefore compelled to ensure that appropriate safeguards to secure to our people only the highest quality of professional education are in place. By deterring the perceived decline in the quality of higher education due to wanton commercialization and shameless inclination of many higher educational institutions to mere profiteering, this representation envisions a robust Filipino society populated with only the most competent individuals.

Through this Act, continued government accreditation of professional degree courses of higher education institutions shall rely on the performance of their graduates in professional board and bar examinations.

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


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1 **SEC. 3. Zero-Performance Policy.**—Government recognition and/or permit to operate
2 pertinent and related professional courses by any higher education institution whether public or
3 private, whose graduates have registered zero-performance in any professional board or bar
4 examination in three (3) out of five (5) consecutive times they participated in shall be revoked
5 permanently.

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7 **SEC. 4. Publication.**—In addition to the usual publication of individual examinee results,
8 the various professional examination boards under the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC)
9 and Supreme Court, in case of the bar examinations, are hereby required to also publish results in
10 nationally circulated newspapers showing the percentage of successful examinees from the higher
11 education institutions that participated in the examinations.

12 The Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Professional Regulation Commission
13 (PRC) and the Supreme Court (as the case may be), shall jointly publish professional examination
14 results in nationally circulated newspapers of the top ten (10) best and worst performing higher
15 education institutions in each of the higher education programs with professional licensure
16 examinations. Further, the CHED shall likewise be required to publish in nationally circulated
17 newspapers the list of higher education institutions whose government recognition and/or permit to
18 operate pertinent and related to professional courses have been revoked because of zero-
19 performance in professional licensure examinations.

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21 **SEC. 5. Incentives and Awards.**—The CHED shall provide incentives and/or
22 awards/recognition to higher education institutions which have consistently registered best
23 performance for five (5) consecutive years in each of the higher education programs with
24 professional licensure examinations. The necessary criteria shall be set by the CHED in
25 consultation with the PRC, Supreme Court and other relevant professional organizations.

1 **SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.***—The CHED in cooperation with the PRC
2 and the Supreme Court (in case of bar examinations,) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations
3 for the effective implementation of this Act and shall implement this Act: Provided, that the
4 implementation of this Act shall not be later than one (1) academic year after the passage of this
5 Act.

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7 **SEC. 7. *Appropriations.***—The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act
8 shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the CHED and/or the Higher Education
9 Development Fund (HEDF). Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued
10 implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act: Provided,
11 that incentives and/or rewards to be given to higher education institutions as provided under section
12 5, hereof, shall be taken from the HEDF.

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14 **SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.***—All laws, statutes, issuances, orders and/or presidential
15 issuances contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall is hereby repealed or
16 modified accordingly.

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18 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity***—This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at
19 least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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