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House Bill No. 9039



Introduced by Representatives Ron P. Salo and Paul P. Hernandez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

"Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death."
- Albert Einstein

Lifelong learning among professionals is the primary objective or policy behind the enactment of Republic Act No. 10912, otherwise known as the "Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016". Under its declared policy, it provides that the *State shall institute measures that will continuously improve the competence of the professionals in accordance with the international standards of practice, thereby, ensuring their contribution in uplifting the general welfare, economic growth and development of the nation.*

Unfortunately, such noble objective was abused when the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) started implementing the law in March 2017, resulting to various complaints among professionals, raising such issues as; the high cost trainings with approved CPD units, accessibility since most trainings are only conducted in major cities, and the time needed by a particular professional in order to comply with the required units, taking away his or her precious time from work and family.

Despite the various complaints from among the members of the forty three (43) regulated professions, the PRC can only come up with band aid solutions considering that the long term remedy is a legislative enactment which is beyond the power of such executive agency.

To date, one of the temporary solutions that the PRC came up with, is to allow professionals with incomplete CPD units to still renew their respective Professional Identification Card (PIC), provided that they will execute an undertaking to complete their CPD unit requirements until their next compliance period.

Although such measure adopted by the PRC will give temporary relief among professionals, a long term solution to the controversies brought about by the implementation of R.A. 10912 can only be addressed through an appropriate legislative measure, providing for the repeal of this law which imposed unnecessary burdens among Filipino professionals. It is perhaps this burden, which moved then

Pres. Benigno S. Aquino III, into simply letting R.A. 10912, lapse into law on July 21, 2016 without his imprimatur.

In the light of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is urgently sought.


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AN ACT
REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10912, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE "CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016"

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 "An Act Repealing the Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016."

SEC. 2. Repealing Clause. — Republic Act No. 10912, otherwise known as the "Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016", is hereby repealed, all acts, executive orders, administrative orders, proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.