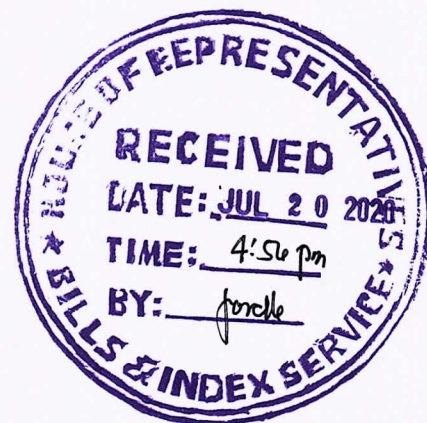


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HOUSE BILL NO. 7132



Introduced by **ANG PROBINSYANO**
Party-List Representative Alfred Delos Santos

EXPLANATORY NOTE

1 Republic Act No. 10912, in its Section 2, set for itself the lofty goal of
2 “promot[ing] and upgrad[ing] the practices of professions in the country...in
3 accordance with the international standards of practice, thereby, ensuring their
4 contribution in uplifting the general welfare, economic growth
5 and development of the nation.”
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7 While this objective was in itself not objectionable, the unwieldy measures
8 implemented for its attainment placed undue strain upon professionals. Various
9 professional groups have thus come out in criticism of the said law—nurses;¹
10 accountants;² and optometrists^{3:4}
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12 Among the concerns raised by stakeholders include the inaccessibility and
13 affordability of PRC-accredited CPD providers especially among contractual
14 professionals and those in remote areas, those who are unemployed,
15 underemployed or receiving low wages.
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17 Other groups have also complained about the lack of accredited CPD
18 providers, which has limited their options to current providers—mostly private
19 institutions and accredited integrated professional organizations (AIPOs)
20 supposedly offering training and seminars with exorbitant fees.

¹ Tina G. Santos, “Nurses slam new law on license renewal,” *Inquirer*, November 13, 2017, available at <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/944924/nurses-slam-new-law-on-license-renewal>.

² Angelina Alejandrino, “CPD in the accountancy profession,” *Business Mirror*, July 22, 2018, available at <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2018/07/22/cpd-in-the-accountancy-profession/>.

³ Jocelyn R. Uy and Mariejo S. Ramos, “Optometrists cry foul over new requirements,” *Inquirer*, July 17, 2017, available at <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/914457/optometrists-cry-foul-over-new-requirements>.

⁴ Jocelyn R. Uy, “PRC exercises ‘maximum flexibility’ on license renewal under CPD Act,” *Inquirer*, August 9, 2017, available at <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/921563/professional-regulation-commission-continuing-professional-development-act-sen-antonio-trillanes-iv#ixzz6Rnmzt1SM>.

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2 The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) has assured the public
3 that it is “exercising ‘maximum flexibility’ on the renewal of licenses...to make it
4 more accessible and affordable to Filipino professionals.”⁵
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6 However, no substantial changes or improvements in the plight of the
7 professionals seem to have come out of those promises.
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9 And now, professionals cannot possibly be expected to deal with these
10 problems in the wake of the lockdown over the COVID-19 pandemic, and the
11 resultant disruption to their livelihoods (if not the loss of the same). Much less
12 can this expectation be justly levelled at the health/medical industry’s
13 professionals.
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15 It is for the foregoing premises that the approval of this Bill is earnestly
16 sought.



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⁵ Id.

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**AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10912, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE “CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT”**

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

1 SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 10912, otherwise known as the “Continuing
2 Professional Development Act” is hereby repealed.

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4 SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, presidential
5 decrees or issuances, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules, and
6 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
7 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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9 SECTION 3. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
10 after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
11 circulation.

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14 Approved,