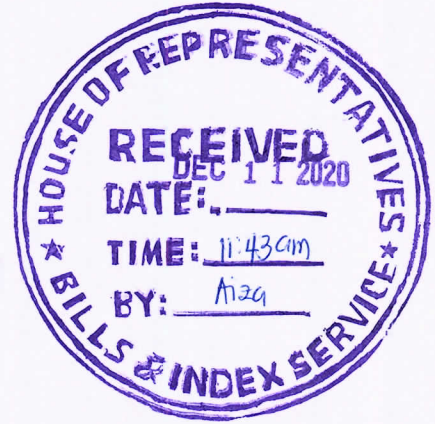




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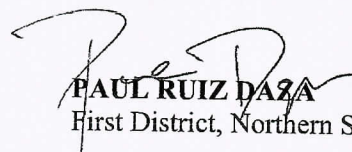
The Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) is mandated by law to perform two (2) main functions. First, is to conduct and administer licensure examinations to aspiring professionals. Second, is to regulate and supervise the practice of professions together with the Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs).

By virtue of Republic Act No. 8981 or the "PRC Modernization Act of 2020," the State recognizes the important role of professionals in nation-building and, towards this end, promotes the sustained development of reservoir of professionals whose competence has been determined by honest and credible licensure examinations and whose standards of professional service and practice are internationally recognized and considered world-class brought about the regulatory measures, programs and activities that foster professional growth and advancement.

Northern Samar is geographically located at the northernmost part of the entire region. It would usually take at least seven (7) hours of travel time from the provincial capital, Catarman, to the regional office of PRC in Tacloban City.

With the approval of this bill, it would facilitate and expedite the application for examinations, as well as, the issuance of professional licenses and renewal of the same to Northerners. Further, this will decongest the regional office in Tacloban City from the thousands of aspiring professionals coming from Northern Samar.

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


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONAL
REGULATIONS COMMISSION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATARMAN,
PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the Municipality of Catarman, Province of Northern Samar, an office of the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) to be known as the PRC-Northern Samar Provincial Office. It shall be headed by a provincial director.

SEC. 2. The PRC shall determine the organizational structure and staffing pattern for the PRC-Northern Samar Provincial Office and submit the same to the Secretary of Budget and Management for approval.

SEC. 3. The Chairperson of the PRC shall immediately include in the PRC's programs the operationalization of the PRC-Northern Samar Provincial Office.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the PRC shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,