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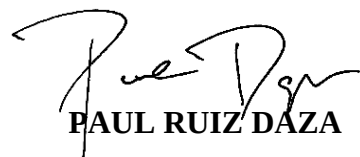
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) issues Certificates of Registration (CORs) and Professional Identification Cards (PICs) to those who have complied with all the legal and procedural requirements, including passing the licensure examination or qualifying under registration without examination, as the case may be. These documents serve as the evidence that the holders thereof are registered and licensed professionals in the Philippines. The COR retains its validity until it is revoked or suspended pursuant to law, whereas, the PIC has limited validity period, which is three (3) years. Of the forty-six (46) professional regulatory laws, only twenty (20) explicitly provide for the three (3) year validity period of the PIC.

A study was conducted to determine the pros and cons of standardizing and increasing the validity period of the PIC across all the professions. Among the benefits or advantages that could be derived from the proposal are as follows:

- Spreading out the number of ‘renewing’ professionals over five (5) years instead of three (3) years will decrease the renewal transactions from 866,000 to 520,000 per year;
- This will also ease the pressure on the appointment system since there will be less professionals renewing every year and there will a reasonable time interval between each renewal period;
- The ‘extra’ period will allow the PRC to enhance the appointment system and to remedy the gaps and weaknesses of the system;
- Professionals will be able to enjoy the validity of their PICs for a longer period of time, since they will only need to renew their PICs every after five (5) years; and
- There will be no adverse effect on the revenue of the government since the renewal fee will be adjusted accordingly to cover for the ‘extended’ validity period of the PIC.

For reasons herein presented, it is, thus, earnestly requested that this bill be approved immediately.


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**“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FIVE-YEAR VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE PROFESSIONAL
IDENTIFICATION CARDS OF ALL PROFESSIONALS UNDER THE
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION”**

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

1 **SECTION 1. *New Validity Period of the Professional Identification Card.*** - All Professional
2 Identification Cards (PICs) issued by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) shall be valid for
3 five (5) years, subject to compliance with all the legal and procedural requirements for its issuance.
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5 **SEC. 2. *Coverage and Applicability.*** - Notwithstanding the provisions of the professional
6 regulatory laws to the contrary, this Act providing for a five (5) year validity period of the PICs shall
7 cover and apply to all professions under the PRC.
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9 **SEC. 3. *Systems Enhancement.*** - In order to operationalize the provisions of this Act, the
10 Information and Communications Technology Service (ICTS) and other concerned offices/divisions of
11 the PRC shall complete the necessary systems enhancement (Licensure Examination Registration
12 Information System or the LERIS) and other administrative processes, including the finalization of the
13 revised assessment of annual registration fees within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act.
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15 **SEC. 14. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared
16 invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected are in full force and effect.
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18 **SEC. 15. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and
19 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed or modified
20 accordingly.
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22 **SEC. 16. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
23 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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25 *Approved,*