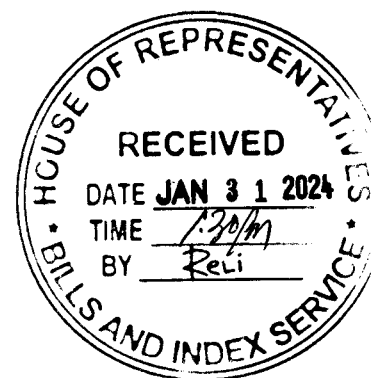


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HOUSE BILL NO. 9852



Introduced by REP. EMILIO BERNARDINO L. YULO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Professional Identification Card (PIC) is a valid government-issued ID that serves not only as a proof of eligibility or legal authority of a person to practice a profession, but also as a documentary proof that can be used in transactions with government agencies, banks, and other institutions that require the presentation of a government-issued ID for identification, authentication, and verification.

The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) issues these PICs to individuals who have met all legal and procedural requirements, including passing licensure examinations. This document serves as proof that the holders are registered and licensed professionals in the Philippines. However, the PIC has a restricted validity span of three (3) years, which is insufficient, especially when professionals continue to practice while trying to obtain their PRC ID cards.

This bill seeks to extend the validity period of PRC-issued PICs from three (3) years to five (5) years in accordance with laws governing the practice of professionals in the Philippines. By extending the validity of the PICs and Certifications of Recognition for two (2) more years from the present period of validity, the administrative burdens on both professionals and the PRC itself necessitating frequent renewal processes may be reduced and simplified. Spreading out the number of renewing professionals decreases renewal transactions per year and ensures a sufficient time interval between each renewal period.

This measure will help professionals save costs and effectively practice their profession. Filipino professionals will be able to enjoy the validity of their PICs for a longer period of time without incurring any income or revenue losses on the part of the PRC, as this extension will not affect the initial registration fee and the annual renewal fees imposed by the PRC.

Through the validity extension of the PRC licenses, the regulatory framework governing the practice of professionals in the Philippines will be strengthened and professionals can benefit from reduced administrative burdens, greater convenience, and ultimately contribute to the overall improvement of professional standards and service delivery in the country.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emilio L. Yulo', written over the printed name.

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**AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC)-ISSUED PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION
CARDS (PICs) IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAWS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF
PROFESSIONALS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This act shall be known as the "PRC ID Validity Extension Act".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of State Policy.* It is hereby a declared policy of the State, as enshrined in the Constitution, to sustain the development of a reservoir of national talents consisting of Filipino scientists, entrepreneurs, professionals, managers, high-level technical manpower and skilled workers and craftsmen in all fields.

SEC. 3. *Coverage.* This Act shall cover and apply to all licensed professionals whose licenses and/or certifications are covered and issued by the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC).

SEC. 4. *Extension of New Validity Period of Professional Identification Card.* All Professional Identification Cards (PICs) issued by the PRC shall be extended from three (3) years to five (5) years, subject to compliance with all the legal and procedural requirements for its issuance. The new validity period will not affect the initial registration fee and the annual

renewal fees imposed upon by the PRC.

SEC. 5. *Validity of Professional Identification Card* - This Act hereby extends to five (5) years the validity of the PICs issued and renewed by professionals who are found to meet all the requirements for registration of a professional under laws governing the practice of professionals in the Philippines.

SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*. - The Secretary of Department of Labor and Employment, upon the recommendation of the Professional Regulation Commission Chairperson, shall, within sixty (60) days from effectivity of this Act, promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act are hereby repealed or modified.

SEC. 7. *Appropriations*. The amount necessary to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the concerned government agencies. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause*. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause*. In the event that any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by such declaration.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity*. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,