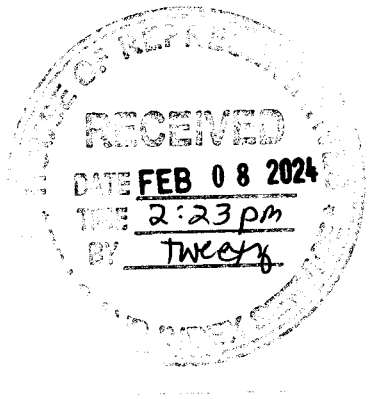
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9302

Introduced by REP. MERCEDES K. ALVAREZ, MNSA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Professional Regulation Commission is mandated to administer, implement, and enforce the regulatory laws and policies of the Philippines with respect to the regulation and licensing of various professions and occupations under its jurisdiction, including the enhancement and maintenance of professional and occupational standards and ethics and the enforcement of the rules and regulations relative thereto.[1]

The City of Kabankalan, which is included in the CHICKS area[2] that comprises the 6th District of Negros Occidental, occupies the central portion of the Southern Negros Island. It is home to 32 barangays and has a population of 181,977 residents.[3] The said city serves as the center of economic activities and is also the take-off point for various destinations in Southern Negros Occidental.[4]

The strategic location of the city presents an opportunity for the establishment of a PRC Service Center. This center will offer various services, including the processing of applications for licensure examinations, and initial registration, renewal,

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[1] Professional Regulation Commission. (n.d.). *Mandate.* https://www.prc.gov.ph/mandate
[2] CHICKS stands for Candoni, Hinoba-an, Ilog, Kabankalan City, and Sipalay City
[3] Negros Occidental Provincial Government. (2023, March 23). *Kabankalan | Negros Occidental Provincial Government.* Negros Occidental Provincial Government | Negros Occidental Is a Province in Western Visayas Region of the Philippines. It Occupies the North-western Half of Negros Island. https://www.negros-occ.gov.ph/?ae_global_templates=kabankalan
[4] Kabankalan City in Its Finest. (n.d.). *Kabankalan City.* https://example59690.wordpress.com/home/

and duplication of a Professional Identification Card. Additionally, it will provide certifications for board rating and passing.

The creation of a PRC Service Center aims to significantly enhance convenience for professionals and those aspiring to join their ranks, as they are committed to delivering essential services to the public. This initiative not only streamlines processes for these individuals but also emphasizes the government's commitment to alleviating the financial burden on stakeholders who would otherwise have to incur expenses for long-distance transportation to access the services of the PRC in far areas.

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 9902

Introduced by REP. MERCEDES K. ALVAREZ, MNSA

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION SERVICE CENTER IN THE CITY OF KABANKALAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. There shall be established a Professional Regulation Commission ("PRC") Service Center in the City of Kabankalan, Province of Negros Occidental, which shall be under the supervision of the PRC.

Sec. 2. The PRC Service Center shall provide services such as the processing of application for licensure examinations, initial registration, renewal, and duplication of a Professional Identification Card, and certifications of board rating and passing.

Sec. 3. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the PRC in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the PRC shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

Sec. 5. Notwithstanding the non-issuance of the implementing rules and regulations, this Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,