

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

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438
HOUSE BILL No. _____



Introduced by
ACT Teachers Party-List Rep. ANTONIO L. TINIO
and **KABATAAN Party-List Rep. RENEE LOUISE M. CO**

AN ACT
REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT 10912, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes the repeal of the anti-professional Republic Act 10912 or the *“Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016.”*

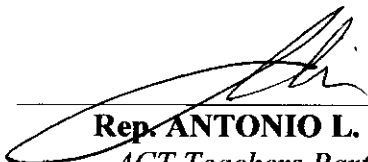
The general framework of RA 10912 merely follows the neoliberal economic blueprint fully subscribed to by past and current administrations. The law was enacted in response to ASEAN integration and its demand for greater labor migration, whereby Filipinos are exported as cheap providers of professional services. The requirement for professionals to conform to the market-based ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework which “enables comparisons of qualifications across ASEAN Member States” and the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement promotes further the labor export policy, which already sends daily thousands of Filipinos, professionals among them. This exacerbates the so-called “brain drain” problem leading to a lack of trained professionals to serve the needs of Filipinos in our own country. It also relies mainly on the private provision of continuing professional development, treating professionals as milking cows for profit.

Since its enactment, RA 10912 has imposed multiple financial, logistical, and psychological burdens to professionals. It requires them to accumulate credit units (from 15 or 45 for most professionals to as high as 120 for certified public accountants) every three years by attending seminars, training courses, and other

professional development activities. Only then can they renew their licenses and continue practicing their professions. Along the way, they are forced to spend thousands of pesos, take unpaid leaves from work, withstand long queues, and go through a host of other hardships.

But despite all these, RA 10912 is an unnecessary law. Prior to its enactment, laws and regulations, including the various professional charters, codes of conduct, and complementary administrative issuances governing all the 53 existing professions, were sufficient to regulate the practice of these professions. The legal and administrative apparatus is already in place to ensure that professional standards are upheld, professional competencies are continuously developed, and public welfare is protected.

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



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

SECTION 1. Republic Act 10912 or the “Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016” is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. All laws, executive orders, resolutions, or rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,