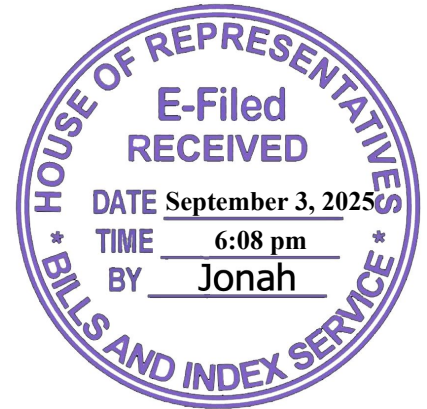


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House Bill No. **4320**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Professional Identification Card (PIC) issued by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) is an essential document that certifies the legitimacy of a professional's license and authority to practice in their respective field. At present, these cards are valid for three years. After which, professionals must undergo the process of renewal, including the submission of documentary requirements and payment of fees, among others. While regulatory compliance is important, frequent renewals can also pose a burden, particularly for professionals who face logistical, financial, and procedural hurdles in updating their credentials.

This bill seeks to extend the validity period of the PIC from three (3) to five (5) years. It aims to reduce the administrative load on licensed professionals and ease the congestion of transactions within the PRC system. It acknowledges the need for a more streamlined, efficient, and responsive regulatory process that upholds professional standards without creating unnecessary inconvenience.

Furthermore, the proposed measure will allow the PRC to update and upgrade its digital infrastructure and registration systems, ensuring that the longer validity period does not compromise the integrity of its monitoring and compliance mechanisms. This aligns with broader efforts to modernize government services, reduce red tape, and make regulatory compliance more accessible and practical for Filipino professionals.

The passage of this measure will benefit over four million registered professionals across various industries. It is a timely response to long-standing calls from the professional sector for more efficient licensing procedures and recognizes the vital role of professionals in national development.

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



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

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

SECTION 1. All Professional Identification Cards (PICs) issued by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) shall be valid for five (5) years, subject to the compliance with all the legal, procedural and mandatory requirements for its renewal such as those indicated under Republic Act No. 109212, otherwise known as the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Act of 2016.

SEC. 2. In order to operationalize the provisions of this Act, the Information and Communication Technology Service (ICTS) and other concerned offices/divisions of the PRC shall complete the necessary systems enhancement (Licensure Examination Registration Information System or the LERIS) and other administrative processes, including the finalization of the revised assessment of annual registration fees within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC 3. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected are in full force and effect.

SEC 4. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved