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HOUSE BILL NO. 6168



Introduced by Representative Giselle Mary L. Maceda

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under Republic Act No. 8981, otherwise known as the “PRC Modernization Act of 2000,” the Professional Identification Card (PIC) issued by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) generally carries a validity period of three (3) years, after which professionals are required to renew their licenses in order to continue practicing their professions.

While the regular renewal process is essential for ensuring the continuous professional development and monitoring of practitioners, many professionals have expressed concern over the administrative burden, time, and costs associated with the frequent renewal of their identification cards. The current three-year validity period often entails long queues, multiple documentary requirements, and additional expenses, especially for professionals working overseas or in remote areas.

This bill seeks to address these challenges by extending the validity of the Professional Identification Card from three (3) years to five (5) years. The measure aims to promote administrative efficiency, reduce the volume of transactions with the PRC, and lessen the financial and logistical burden on professionals without compromising regulatory oversight.

Extending the validity period aligns with the government’s thrust to streamline bureaucratic processes, improve public service delivery, and embrace digital transformation. It will allow professionals to focus more on their practice

and continuous development rather than frequent renewals, while the PRC can optimize its resources and enhance its systems for better service.

In view of the foregoing, the 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 PROFESSIONALS
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 and procedural requirements for its issuance.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances, or any part thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,