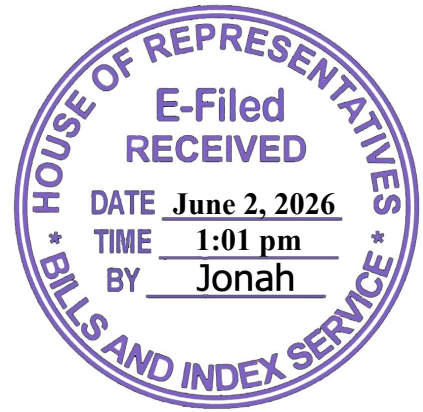


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HOUSE BILL NO. **9648**



Introduced by **Rep. MANUEL “WOWO” L. FORTES, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Filipino professionals play a vital role in nation-building by providing essential services that contribute to the growth, safety, welfare, and development of communities. The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), through its mandate to regulate and supervise the practice of professions in the country, ensures that Filipino professionals remain competent, qualified, and globally competitive.

However, many professionals and aspiring examinees in provincial areas continue to face difficulties in accessing PRC services due to the limited number of service centers and the considerable distance they must travel to process applications, secure certifications, renew licenses, and avail themselves of other regulatory services. These challenges result in additional transportation costs, lost work opportunities, and delays in transactions.

The growing number of graduates and licensed professionals further underscores the need to expand the accessibility of PRC services across the country. Establishing an additional PRC Service Center will help decongest existing offices, improve efficiency in the processing of transactions, and bring government services closer to the people, particularly those residing in underserved and geographically distant areas.

Therefore, this bill seeks to establish a Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Service Center in the Municipality of Irosin, Province of Sorsogon, in order to provide more accessible, efficient, and responsive services to professionals, board examinees, and the general public within the province and nearby localities.

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


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC)
SERVICE CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IROSIN, PROVINCE OF
SORSOGON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SEC. 1. There shall be established a Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Service Center in the Municipality of Irosin, in the Province of Sorsogon, which shall be under the supervision of the PRC.

SEC. 2. The PRC Service Center shall provide services such as the processing of applications for licensure examinations, initial registration, renewal, and duplication of Professional Identification Cards, and issuance of certifications of board rating and passing.

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

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

SEC. 5. All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules, and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,