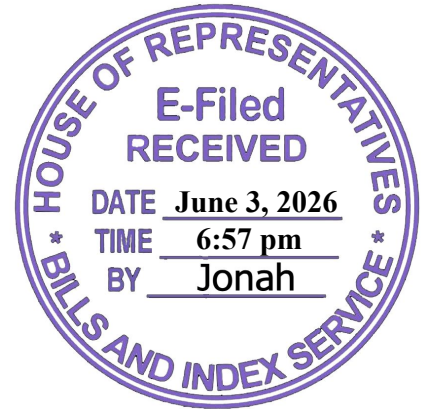


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House Bill No. 9796



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide a five-year validity period for all Professional Identification Cards (PICs) issued by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), subject to compliance with all legal and mandatory requirements for renewal, including the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements under Republic Act No. 10912.

At present, professionals are required to renew their PRC identification cards every three years, resulting in additional financial costs, administrative burdens, and inconvenience for millions of Filipino professionals. Frequent renewals often lead to long queues, processing delays, scheduling difficulties, and unnecessary expenses, particularly for professionals residing in far-flung areas or those working overseas.

This proposed measure seeks to address these concerns by extending the validity of Professional Identification Cards from three years to five years while retaining all existing legal and regulatory safeguards for renewal. The bill likewise directs the PRC to strengthen its digital systems and administrative processes to ensure more efficient and accessible public service delivery.

Providing a longer validity period for PRC identification cards promotes convenience, efficiency, and ease of doing business for Filipino professionals without compromising regulatory standards. At a time when the country continues to pursue digitalization and streamlined government services, the State must adopt practical and responsive policies that reduce unnecessary burdens on the public.

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

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HON. JEFFREY SORIANO

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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,