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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **10948**

Introduced by Representative **GIRLIE E. VELOSO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) issues Professional Identification Cards (PICs) to licensed professionals as proof of their authority to practice their respective professions. At present, Professional Identification Cards (PICs) issued by the PRC are valid for three (3) years, pursuant to existing PRC regulations implementing the Commission's authority under Republic Act No. 8981 and the long-standing policy established under Letter of Instruction No. 567.

While the renewal system helps ensure that professionals remain compliant with regulatory requirements, the current three-year validity period places financial and administrative burden on millions of licensed professionals. Renewal entails not only payment of fees but also time spent processing documentary requirements, taking leave from work, and traveling to PRC offices or service centers. A five-year validity period preserves the existing system of periodic renewal and regulatory compliance while providing a more reasonable interval between renewals.

Extending the validity of PICs from three (3) years to five (5) years is a practical and reasonable reform. It will reduce the frequency of renewals, lessen out-of-pocket expenses, and make government services more efficient by easing the volume of renewal transactions handled by the PRC. Reducing the frequency of routine renewal transactions will likewise allow the PRC to use its administrative resources more efficiently without altering its existing regulatory functions or the requirements governing professional practice.

More importantly, this measure recognizes the invaluable contributions of Filipino professionals to nation-building. By reducing regulatory burdens, the State affirms its commitment to supporting professionals, boosting their morale, and allowing them to focus more on delivering quality service to the public rather than complying with repetitive administrative processes.

This proposed measure promotes efficiency, convenience, and responsiveness in public service while providing meaningful relief to the country's licensed professionals. It strikes a reasonable balance between maintaining periodic professional regulation and reducing unnecessary administrative frequency for both professionals and the government.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment of this measure 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:

1 **SECTION 1.** All Professional Identification Cards (PICs) issued by the Professional
2 Regulation Commission (PRC) shall be valid for five (5) years, subject to compliance with all the
3 legal and procedural requirements for their issuance.

4 **SECTION 2.** To implement this Act, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC),
5 through its appropriate offices, shall undertake and complete the necessary enhancements to its
6 registration and licensing information systems and other administrative processes, including the
7 corresponding assessment of registration fees, within six (6) months from the effectivity of this
8 Act.

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

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

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

16 Approved.