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AN ACT

FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7836, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE TEACHERS PROFESSIONALIZATION ACT OF 1994", AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9293

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 5 of Republic Act (RA) 7836 is hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

3 "SEC. 5. *Creation and Composition of the Board.* – There is hereby
4 created under this Act a Board for Professional Teachers, hereinafter called
5 the Board, a collegial body under the general supervision and administrative
6 control of the Professional Regulation Commission, hereinafter referred to
7 as the Commission, composed of [five (5)] **SEVEN (7)** members who shall

1 be appointed by the President of the Philippines from among the
2 recommendees chosen by the Commission.

3 [The recommendees shall be chosen from the list of nominees
4 selected by the accredited association of teachers, who duly possesses all]
5 **THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED), COMMISSION ON**
6 **HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED), TEACHER EDUCATION COUNCIL**
7 **(TEC), EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**
8 **(ECCDC), ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**
9 **(ALCU), PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION OF STATE UNIVERSITIES AND**
10 **COLLEGES (PASUC), COORDINATING COUNCIL OF PRIVATE**
11 **EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES (COCOPEA),**
12 **AND AN ACCREDITED ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS SHALL EACH**
13 **RECOMMEND NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) NOMINEES WHO SHALL BE**
14 **EVALUATED BY THE COMMISSION BASED ON** the qualifications
15 prescribed in Section 8 of RA 7836. **THE FINAL LIST OF NOMINEES**
16 **SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL**
17 **CIRCULATION AND POSTED ON THE COMMISSION'S OFFICIAL**
18 **WEBSITE.**

19 The chair[man]**PERSON** and the vice-chair[man]**PERSON** of the Board
20 shall be appointed from these [five (5)] **SEVEN (7)** members by the
21 President: *Provided*, That the members of the first Board appointed under
22 this Act shall be automatically registered as professional teachers and
23 issued with the certificate of registration and professional license upon
24 payment of the fees for examination, registration, and other fees prescribed
25 by the Commission.

26 **FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDING NOMINEES UNDER**
27 **THIS SECTION, THE ACCREDITED ASSOCIATION SHALL REFER TO**
28 **A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION DULY RECOGNIZED BY THE**
29 **COMMISSION AND COMPOSED OF AT LEAST 20% OF THE TOTAL**
30 **NUMBER OF TEACHERS WITH VALID PROFESSIONAL LICENSE."**

1 **SEC. 2.** Section 7 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 “**SEC. 7. Term of Office.** – The members of the Board shall hold office
3 for a term of three (3) years from the date they assume office: *Provided,*
4 [That the first appointees to the Board under this Act shall hold office
5 according to the following terms: one (1) member shall serve for one (1)
6 year; one (1) member for two (2) years; the chair[man]**PERSON**, vice-
7 chair[man]**PERSON**, and one (1) member for three (3) years.] **MEMBERS**
8 **OF THE BOARD WHO ARE OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES OF**
9 **GOVERNMENT ENTITIES SHALL BE SECONDED TO THE**
10 **COMMISSION FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR TERM, SUBJECT TO**
11 **EXISTING CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS.** Vacancies shall
12 be served for the unexpired term only. No person who has served **AS A**
13 **MEMBER OF THE BOARD** for two (2) consecutive terms shall be eligible
14 for reappointment. Appointment to fill an unexpired term shall be considered
15 an appointment to a complete term.

16 The chair[man] **PERSON** or any member shall take his oath of office prior
17 to the performance of his duties.”

18 **SEC. 3.** Section 8 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 “**SEC. 8. Qualifications of Board Members.** – Each Board member
20 must, at the time of [his] **THE** appointment:

21 (a) Be a citizen and resident of the Philippines;

22 (b) Be at least thirty-five (35) years of age, of proven integrity
23 [.]and [possessed of] high moral values in [his]**BOTH**
24 personal [as well as] **AND** professional conduct and has
25 not been convicted of any offense involving moral
26 turpitude;

27 (c) Be a holder of [the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor
28 of Science in Education and preferably a holder of a
29 master’s or doctorate degree in education, or their
30 equivalents,] **AT LEAST A MASTER’S DEGREE,**

1 **PREFERABLY AN EARNED DOCTORATE, IN**
2 **TEACHER EDUCATION OR OTHER ALLIED**
3 **DISCIPLINES** from a **REPUTABLE HIGHER**
4 **EDUCATION INSTITUTION**, university, school, college,
5 academy or institute [duly constituted, recognized and/or
6 accredited by the Philippine government];

7 (d) x x x;

8 (e) Has been a professional teacher in the active practice of
9 the teaching profession for at least ten (10) years in
10 **EARLY CHILDHOOD**, elementary [and] **OR** secondary
11 level; **OR IN THE TERTIARY LEVEL AS A FULL-TIME**
12 **FACULTY IN A TEACHER EDUCATION INSTITUTE**
13 **(TEI); [and]**

14 (f) Not be, **AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT**, an official or
15 member of the faculty of, nor have pecuniary interest in
16 any [university, college, school, or institution] **HIGHER**
17 **EDUCATION INSTITUTION** conferring a bachelor's
18 degree in education or its equivalent[s for at least three (3)
19 years prior to his appointment,] and **NOT** [neither]
20 connected with a review center or with any group or
21 association where review classes or lectures in
22 preparation for the licensure examination are offered or
23 conducted, **NOR HAVE PECUNIARY INTEREST IN**
24 **SUCH: PROVIDED, THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL**
25 **ISSUE THE APPROPRIATE RULES TO GOVERN THE**
26 **PRACTICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO**
27 **ENSURE THAT NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST SHALL**
28 **ARISE IN THEIR FUNCTIONS RELATED TO THE**
29 **CONDUCT OF THE LICENSURE EXAMINATION AND**
30 **RELEASE OF THE RESULTS; AND**

1 (G) HAS THE NECESSARY EXPERTISE IN
2 IMPLEMENTING TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS
3 THAT ARE PRESCRIBED BY THE TEC AND
4 REGULATED BY THE CHED, TEST DEVELOPMENT
5 AND ANALYSIS, AND LOGISTICS IN IMPLEMENTING
6 LARGE-SCALE ASSESSMENTS AND SYSTEM
7 EVALUATION.

8 *Provided, however, That, the membership to the Board shall be evenly*
9 *distributed to cover all levels of education, including equitable*
10 *representation of the different fields of specialization."*

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12 **SEC. 4.** Section 13 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 "SEC. 13. *Examination, Registration and License Required.* – Except
14 as otherwise specifically allowed under the provisions of this Act, all
15 applicants for registration as professional teachers shall be required to
16 undergo a written examination which shall be given at least once a year in
17 such places and dates as the Board may determine upon approval by the
18 Commission.

19 A valid certificate of registration and a valid professional license from
20 the Commission are required before any person is allowed to practice as a
21 professional teacher in the Philippines, except as otherwise allowed under
22 [this Act] **SECTION 8 OF R.A. NO. 10533, OR THE "ENHANCED BASIC**
23 **EDUCATION ACT OF 2013"** OR ANY OTHER EXISTING RELEVANT
24 **LAWS AT THE TIME OF EMPLOYMENT: PROVIDED, THAT SUCH**
25 **PERSON HAS PASSED THE LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR**
26 **TEACHERS (LET) WITHIN FIVE (5) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF**
27 **HIRING."**

28 **SEC. 5.** Section 14 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 "SEC. 14. *Scope of Examination.* – The examinations for the **EARLY**
30 **CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION,** elementary
31 and secondary school teachers shall be separate[.] **AND [The examination**

1 for teachers in the elementary level] shall consist of **THE FOLLOWING** [two
2 (2)] parts, namely: [professional] **GENERAL** education, [and general
3 education] **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION, OR FIELD OF**
4 **SPECIALIZATION, OR BOTH AS APPLICABLE.** [The examination for
5 teachers in the secondary level shall consist of three (3) parts, namely:
6 professional education, general education, and field of specialization.]

7 **FOR APPLICANTS WITH THE REQUIRED UNITS IN**
8 **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION, AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 15 OF**
9 **RA 7836, AS AMENDED, THE EXAMINATIONS SHALL CONSIST OF**
10 **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION OR FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION, OR**
11 **BOTH, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION, IN COORDINATION**
12 **WITH THE TEC.**

13 **THE TEST SHALL INCLUDE PRACTICAL TESTS REQUIRING**
14 **TEACHERS TO DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY IN INSTRUCTIONAL**
15 **STRATEGIES, CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT, AND ASSESSMENT**
16 **TECHNIQUES."**

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18 **SEC. 6.** A new Section 14-A is hereby inserted to RA 7836, as amended to
19 read as follows:

20 **"SEC. 14-A. CREATION OF A TECHNICAL PANEL FOR THE**
21 **LICENSURE EXAMINATION. – EVERY THREE (3) YEARS, THE BOARD**
22 **SHALL APPOINT A TECHNICAL PANEL WHO SHALL REVIEW AND**
23 **ASSESS THE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE LET AND ASSESS ITS**
24 **EFFECTIVENESS IN DETERMINING KNOWLEDGE AND READINESS**
25 **OF AN APPLICANT TO BE ADMITTED TO THE ROLL OF**
26 **PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS.**

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28 **THE TECHNICAL PANEL SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THE**
29 **FOLLOWING:**

30 **(A) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUREAU OF CURRICULUM**
31 **DEVELOPMENT OF DEPED;**

1 (B) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHED TECHNICAL PANEL FOR
2 TEACHER EDUCATION; AND

3 (C) REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONAL
4 TEACHERS, RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL
5 TEACHERS.”
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7 **SEC. 7.** Section 15 of RA 7836, as amended, is hereby further amended to
8 read as follows:

9 “SEC. 15. *Qualification Requirements of Applicants.* – No applicant shall
10 be admitted to take the examination unless, on the date of filing of the
11 application, he **OR SHE** shall have complied with the following
12 requirements:

13 (a) x x x

14 (b) x x x

15 (c) x x x

16 (d) x x x

17 (e) A graduate of a [school, college or university] **HIGHER EDUCATION**
18 **INSTITUTION DULY** recognized by the government and possesses
19 the minimum educational qualifications, as follows:

20 (1) For teachers in [preschool,] **THE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEVEL,**
21 a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education (BECED) or
22 its equivalent;

23 (2) **FOR TEACHERS IN SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION PURSUANT**
24 **TO RA 11650, OR THE “INSTITUTING A POLICY OF**
25 **INCLUSION AND SERVICES FOR LEARNERS WITH**
26 **DISABILITIES IN SUPPORT OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION ACT”,**
27 **A BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION**
28 **(BSNED) OR ITS EQUIVALENT;**

29 (3) For teachers in the elementary grades, a bachelor’s degree in
30 elementary education (BSEED) or its equivalent;

- 1 (4) For teachers in secondary grades, a bachelor's degree in
2 education or its equivalent with a major [and minor], or a
3 bachelor's degree in arts and sciences with **THE REQUIRED**
4 **UNITS IN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AS DETERMINED**
5 **BY THE TEC;** [at least ten (10) units in professional education; and]
6 (5) For teachers of vocational and two-year technical courses, a
7 bachelor's degree in the field of specialization or its equivalent,
8 with **THE REQUIRED UNITS IN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**
9 **AS DETERMINED BY THE TEC; AND** [at least eighteen (18) units
10 in professional education.]
11 (6) **FOR THOSE WITH OTHER APPLICABLE FIELDS OF**
12 **SPECIALIZATION THE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL**
13 **QUALIFICATIONS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE**
14 **COMMISSION, IN COORDINATION WITH THE TEC;**
15 (F) **HAS SUBMITTED AND PASSED THE PORTFOLIO OF**
16 **ATTAINMENT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR**
17 **TEACHING AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 8 OF THIS ACT;**
18 **AND**
19 (G) **HAS COMPLETED A REFRESHER'S COURSE IN A**
20 **GOVERNMENT-RECOGNIZED TEI AS DEFINED UNDER R.A.**
21 **NO. 11713, OR THE "EXCELLENCE IN TEACHER EDUCATION**
22 **ACT", WITHIN ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE**
23 **EXAMINATION FOR APPLICANTS WHO FAILED TO PASS THE**
24 **LICENSURE EXAMINATION TWO (2) TIMES."**

25 **SEC. 8.** A new Section 15-A is hereby inserted to RA 7836, as amended, to
26 read as follows:

27 **"SEC. 15-A. SUBMISSION OF PORTFOLIO OF ATTAINMENT OF**
28 **THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. – GRADUATES OF HIGHER**
29 **EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS WHO SHALL BE TAKING THE WRITTEN**
30 **EXAMINATION SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A TEACHING**

1 PORTFOLIO AS EVIDENCE OF THEIR ATTAINMENT OF THE
2 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS.

3 THE TEC SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO DEVELOP AND ISSUE
4 APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION, ASSESSMENT,
5 AND EVALUATION OF THE PORTFOLIO OF ATTAINMENT OF THE
6 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR TEACHING. THESE GUIDELINES
7 SHALL ENSURE ALIGNMENT WITH THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
8 AND UPHOLD THE QUALITY AND INTEGRITY OF THE ASSESSMENT
9 PROCESS ACROSS INSTITUTIONS.”

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11 SEC. 9. Section 16 of RA 7836, as amended, is hereby amended to read as
12 follows:

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14 “SEC. 16. *[Report of the Results of the Examination]* **RELEASE OF**
15 **THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS; REPORT OF THE EXAMINATION**
16 **RESULTS. – THE LICENSURE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS AND**
17 **CORRESPONDING ANSWERS SHALL BE RELEASED BY THE**
18 **COMMISSION TO THE TEC WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS AFTER THE DAY**
19 **OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE EXAMINATION.**

20 FURTHER, the Board shall, within one hundred twenty (120) days after
21 the examination, report the ratings obtained by each candidate **IN EACH**
22 **COMPONENT** to the Professional Regulation Commission for approval and
23 appropriate action.

24 THE COMMISSION SHALL ALSO MAKE PUBLIC THE LICENSURE
25 EXAMINATION TEST QUESTIONS AND CORRESPONDING ANSWERS,
26 AND THE PERFORMANCE OF THE TEST WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE
27 RELEASE OF THE EXAMINATION RESULTS.”

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29 SEC. 10. Section 29 of RA 7836, as amended, is hereby amended to read
30 as follows:

1 “SEC. 29. *Appropriations.* – [Such sums as may be necessary to
2 carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the 1996 General
3 Appropriations Act and thereafter.] **THE AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE**
4 **IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE**
5 **ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.”**
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7 **SEC. 11. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days
8 from the effective date of this Act, the Professional Regulation Commission shall
9 update its implementing rules and regulations (IRR) necessary for the full and
10 effective implementation of this Act.
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12 **SEC. 12. *Transitory Provision.*** – The Professional Regulation Commission
13 and the Board of Professional Teachers shall update their existing policies and
14 issuances relevant to this Act and ensure their alignment with the same within a
15 period of six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act and report the same to
16 Congress in the first year of its implementation.
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18 **SEC. 13. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any section or provision
19 of this Act, or the application of such section or provision to any person in
20 circumstance, is declared unconstitutional or invalid, no other section or provision
21 of this Act shall be affected thereby.
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23 **SEC. 14. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, circulars, administrative
24 orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances which are inconsistent with the
25 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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27 **SEC. 15. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
28 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,