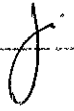


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Rapid changes and developments in health and information technology, increasing complexities in Filipino lifestyle and population growth, and increasing global competition have occurred in the last four decades. R. A. 5527, otherwise known as the "Philippine Medical Technology Act of 1969", has been in existence for forty-four (44) years.

The majority of the sections in R. A. 5527 has become obsolete and no longer applies to present conditions as it was originally created. The scope of practice and the roles of medical technologists have extended to other areas beyond the realm of clinical laboratory setting. Therefore, the law is in need of the following revisions in order to properly address the existing and evolving demands of the Medical Technology profession:

First, a homogenous Professional Regulatory Board of Medical Technology, that is, to be composed of three (3) Medical Technologists, and chaired by a Medical Technologist must be created. Being a regulatory body which ensures the regulation of the practice and monitoring of the conditions affecting the profession for the enhancement and maintenance of high professional, ethical and technical standards and the protection of interests of members of the profession, it is but reasonable that this be headed by one who comes from the same discipline. Other Professional Regulatory Boards are composed and chaired by members of their own professions. The Medical Technology profession seeks the same status and recognition accorded to other Boards.

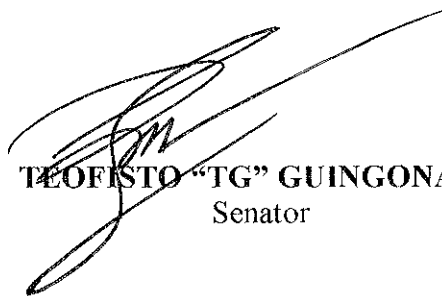
Members of the profession have assumed various managerial and leadership positions that have given them extensive and expanded experience through the years. Medical Technologists at present hold high ranking positions such as Laboratory Managers, Chief Medical Technologists, Deans of Schools, Administrative Officers, Principal Authors of Research, Laboratory Entrepreneurs and Country Managers of Diagnostic Companies. Others have obtained post-graduate studies. This shows that the profession has reached a level of maturity and development comparable with other professions.

Second, the scope of practice needs to be updated to include molecular and cytogenetic technologies, drug testing, phlebotomy and teaching of professional courses.

Third, vital support mechanisms to further improve the practice of medical technology and ensure global competitiveness, need to be instituted. Hence, provision in the law of the profession must include the creation of the Technical Committee for Medical Technology Education under CHED and the Continuing Professional Development Council for Medical Technology Education under PRC.

Fourth, provisions that have reached obsolescence have to be deleted. Other provisions were added in support of the major revisions

In view of the foregoing the passage of this bill is earnestly urged.




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

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* - This act shall be known as the "Philippine Medical Technology Act
2 of 2014."
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4 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - The State recognizes the importance of the
5 Medical Technology profession in nation building and development through the portals of
6 healthcare, education and research. Hence, it shall develop and nurture competent, virtuous,
7 productive and well-rounded medical technologists whose standard of practice and service shall
8 be world class.
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10 Further, the State shall promote, regulate and protect the professional practice of Medical
11 Technology in the Philippines and shall ensure its continued growth and development and the
12 maintenance of high international standards of practice
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14 SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* - As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean.
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- 16 a Accredited Medical Technology Training Laboratory - Refers to a clinical
17 laboratory duly licensed by the Department of Health and accredited as a
18 training laboratory by the Commission on Higher Education upon
19 recommendation by the Technical Panel in Medical Technology Education or
20 its equivalent
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- 22 b. Accredited Professional Organization - Refers to a national organization,
23 recognized and accredited by the Professional Regulation Commission
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- 1 c. Board - Refers to the Professional Regulatory Board of Medical Technology
2 (Medical Laboratory Science) of the Professional Regulation Commission.
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4 d. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) - Refers to the inculcation of
5 advanced knowledge, skills and ethical values in a post-licensure specialized
6 or in inter- or multidisciplinary field of study for assimilation into professional
7 practice, self-directed research and/or lifelong learning.
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9 e. Code of Professional Ethics - Refers to a set of standards relating to the
10 conduct, integrity and moral duties of medical technologists as prescribed and
11 promulgated by the duly accredited professional organization of medical
12 technologists, with the approval of the Board.
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14 f. Medical Technology (Medical Laboratory Science) - Refers to the healthcare
15 profession that provides professional services for the purpose of helping the
16 physician in the diagnosis, treatment and management of diseases and in the
17 promotion of health in general. The profession provides laboratory
18 investigations on the human body or on specimens taken from the human
19 body, the results of which provide information to physicians or other health
20 professionals in relation to healthcare, research and forensics.
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22 Medical Technology may also provide laboratory investigations on animals in
23 relation to veterinary medicine.
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25 g. Medical Technologist - Refers to a holder of a Bachelor of Science in Medical
26 Technology (Medical Laboratory Science) or Public Health who is duly
27 registered with the Professional Regulation Commission and is qualified to
28 practice Medical Technology.
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30 A person shall be deemed to be in the practice of Medical Technology within the
31 meaning of this act if such person renders any of the following services for a fee,
32 salary, compensation or reward paid or given directly or indirectly:
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- 34 1. Examination of tissues, secretions and excretions of the human body and
35 other body fluids through electronic, chemical, microscopic, microbiologic,
36 hematologic, serologic, immunologic, nuclear, molecular, cytogenetic or
37 other laboratory procedures and techniques, either manual or automated;
38 2. Blood banking procedures and techniques or other blood transfusion
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3. Parasitologic, Bacteriologic, Mycologic, Virologic or other microbiologic techniques;
 4. Histopathologic and Cytotechnologic techniques;
 5. Drug Testing in clinical laboratories;
 6. Research involving human beings or animals requiring the use of and/or application of Medical Technology (Medical Laboratory Science) knowledge and procedures;
 7. Preparations and standardization of reagents, standards, stains or others. *Provided*, that such reagents, standards, stains or others are exclusively for the use of their laboratory,
 8. Clinical laboratory quality control;
 9. Phlebotomy, collection, processing or preservation of specimens;
 10. Consultancy in test upgrading, method selection, laboratory equipment planning and troubleshooting where the application of knowledge in medical technology is required;
 11. Teaching of professional courses in Medical Technology,
 12. Introduction, demonstration, evaluation, or improvement of clinical laboratory procedures or techniques, and/or laboratory operations;
 13. Similar activities to the foregoing where the training, skill and experience of a medical technologist are needed as may be determined under the rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Professional Regulation Commission.
- h. Medical Laboratory Technician - Refers to a person certified and registered with the Board as qualified to assist a medical technologist in the practice of Medical Technology as defined under Republic Act No. 5527. The Board shall discontinue the registration of medical laboratory technicians under Republic Act No 5527 upon the effectivity of this Act *Provided*, that Medical laboratory technicians registered under Republic Act No. 5527 shall maintain their status as registered medical laboratory technicians . *Provided, further*, that a registered medical technologist occupying the position of a medical laboratory technician shall be rendered an appropriate position and be reclassified as a medical technologist.
- i. Phlebotomy – incision or puncture of a vein for drawing blood for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.
- j. Phlebotomist - Refers to a holder of a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology (Medical Laboratory Science) and who has passed an examination for Phlebotomy given by the Board of Medical Technology of

1 the Professional Regulation Commission. *Provided*, that a registered medical
2 technologist automatically qualifies as a Phlebotomist.

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4 k. Recognized School of Medical Technology - Refers to a school, college or
5 university which offers a program in Medical Technology (Medical
6 Laboratory Science) approved by the Commission on Higher Education upon
7 the recommendation of the Technical Committee for Medical Technology
8 Education or its equivalent.

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10 l. Technical Committee for Medical Technology Education - Refers to the
11 Technical Committee for Medical Technology Education organized under the
12 Office of Programs and Standards of the Commission on Higher Education
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14 SECTION 4. *Professional Regulatory Board of Board of Medical Technology.* - There is
15 hereby created a Professional Regulatory Board of Medical Technology under the Professional
16 Regulation Commission. The Board shall be composed of a Chairperson and two (2) members,
17 all of whom are registered medical technologists. The Chairperson and the Members of the
18 Board shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines ("President") upon
19 recommendation of the Professional Regulation Commission and shall serve for a term of three
20 (3) years. The Chairperson and the Members of the Board shall hold such office until their
21 successors shall have been appointed and duly qualified. *Provided*, That the incumbent
22 Chairperson and Members of the Board shall continue to serve their terms until the expiration of
23 the same.

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25 For its recommendation, the Professional Regulation Commission shall submit to the
26 President a list containing at least three (3) names from among a list of five (5) nominees for
27 each position submitted by the national accredited professional organization of medical
28 technologists for appointment of the Chairperson or any Member of the Board prior to the
29 expiration of the term of the Chairperson or any Member of the Board.

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31 In case of death, disability or removal for cause of the Chairperson or any Member of the
32 Board, his successor shall only serve the balance of his term
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34 SECTION 5 *Qualifications of the Chairperson and Members of the Board.* - No person
35 shall be appointed as Chairperson or as a Member of the Board unless he is a Filipino Citizen, of
36 good moral character and is a duly registered medical technologist. *Provided*, that the
37 Chairperson and the Members of the Board must be members in good standing in their respective
38 national accredited professional organization. *Provided*, further, that the Chairperson and the
39 Members of the Board must not be an officer or a director of the accredited professional
40 organization at the time of their nomination.

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2 The Chairperson must have a Master's Degree in medical technology or other health related
3 programs, biological sciences, education and administration and should have at least fifteen (15)
4 years of experience as a medical technologist. He must be actively practicing his profession as a
5 medical technologist at least five (5) years prior to his nomination. *Provided*, That for the first
6 three (3) years of effectivity of this Act, the requirement for a Master's Degree may be waived
7 for as long as nominated candidate has obtained at least 70% of the required units for a Master's
8 Degree.

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10 A Member of the Board must have at least ten (10) years of experience as a medical
11 technologist. He must be actively practicing his profession as a medical technologist, at least
12 three (3) years prior to his nomination.

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14 The Chairperson and the Members of the Board shall not, in any way, be professionally
15 connected with the faculty of any Medical Technology school or review center for at least two
16 (2) years prior to their nomination. Further, they shall have no pecuniary interest, directly or
17 indirectly, in any such institution at any time during their nomination.

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19 SECTION 6. *Compensation and Allowances of the Board.* - The Chairperson and each
20 Member of the Board shall receive compensation and allowances comparable to that being
21 received by chairpersons and members of professional regulatory boards under the Professional
22 Regulation Commission as provided for in the General Appropriations Act.

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24 SECTION 7. *Functions and Duties of the Board.* - The following are duties and functions
25 of the Board.

- 26 a. Administer and implement the provisions of this Act;
27 b. Regulate the practice of the profession in accordance with professional
28 regulatory law;
29 c. Determine and prepare the questions for the licensure examination for medical
30 technologists;
31 d. Administer oaths in connection with the administration of this Act;
32 e. Issue, suspend or revoke certificates of registration of medical technologists,
33 phlebotomists and medical laboratory technicians;
34 f. Look into conditions affecting the practice of medical technology in the
35 Philippines and, whenever necessary, adopt such measures as may be deemed
36 proper for the maintenance of good ethics and standards in the practice of medical
37 technology;
38 g. Investigate violations of this Act or of the rules and regulations issued
39 hereunder. For this purpose, the Board may issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces
40 tecum;

- 1 h Draft such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions
2 of this Act;
- 3 i. Prescribe the qualifications and training of medical technologists with regard
4 to special fields of the profession and to supervise their special examination to be
5 conducted by the professional organization of medical technologists accredited by
6 the Professional Regulation Commission;
- 7 j. Formulate and recommend the approval of refresher courses for applicants
8 who failed to pass the Board Examinations for, the third time;
- 9 k. Determine and prepare the questions for the certification examination of
10 Phlebotomists; and
- 11 l. Such other functions as may be prescribed by the Professional Regulation
12 Commission, in accordance with existing laws governing the Commission.
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14 SECTION 8. *Removal of the Board Members* - The Chairperson or any Member of the
15 Board may be removed by the President for neglect of duty, incompetence, malpractice or
16 unprofessional, unethical, immoral or dishonorable, conduct after having been given an
17 opportunity to defend himself in a proper administrative proceeding. Provided, that pending the
18 resolution of the administrative proceeding, the President shall have the power to indefinitely
19 suspend the Chairperson or any Member of the Board under investigation and appoint a
20 temporary member in his place.
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22 SECTION 9. *Licensure Examinations*. - Except as otherwise specifically allowed under
23 the provisions of this Act, all applicants for registration as medical technologists shall be
24 required to undergo a written examination which shall be given by the Board semi-annually
25 during the months of March and September in such places as the Board may deem proper, as
26 approved by the Commission.
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28 The examination for Phlebotomy Certification shall be given by the Board semi-annually
29 during the months of March and September in such places as the Board may deem proper, as
30 approved by the Commission
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32 SECTION 10. *Qualifications for Admission to the Licensure Examination* - Every
33 applicant for examination under this Act shall, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the
34 examination, furnish the Board satisfactory proof that he:

- 35 a. Is a Filipino citizen;
- 36 b. Is in good health and is of good moral character;
- 37 c. Is a holder of a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology (Medical
38 Laboratory Science Technology) or Public Health from a recognized school,
39 college or university. *Provided*, that a holder of a Bachelor of Science in Public

1 Health should have complied with the standards as stipulated in the Policies,
2 Standards and Guidelines for Medical Technology education;
3 c. Has paid the required examination fees as may be determined by the
4 Professional Regulation Commission; and
5 d. Has complied with other requirements that, the Board of the Professional
6 Regulation Commission may prescribe.
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8 SECTION 11 *Scope of Examination* - The examination questions shall cover the
9 following courses and shall be accorded the respective weights:
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11	Clinical Chemistry	:	20%
12	Microbiology & Parasitology	:	20%
13	Hematology	:	20%
14	Blood Banking, Immunohematology, Immunology & Serology	:	20%
15	Clinical Microscopy (Urinalysis and Other Bodily Fluids)	:	10%
16	Histopathologic and Cytologic Techniques, Laboratory Management,	:	10%
17	Medical Technology Law, Related Laws and their implementing Rules		
18	and the Code of Ethics		
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20 The Board shall prepare the schedule of subjects for examination and submit the same to
21 the Commissioner of the Professional Regulation Commission for publication. The Board shall
22 compute the general average of each examinee according to the above-mentioned relative
23 weights of each subject. Provided, that the Board may change, add to and remove from the list of
24 subjects or weights above as progress in the science of Medical Technology may require
25 Provided, further, that any change, addition, removal or modification of the subjects or weights
26 shall be subject to prior approval of the Professional Regulation Commission
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28 SECTION 12. *Report of Rating*. - The Board shall, after the date of completion of the
29 examination, report the result thereof for the approval, of the Commissioner of the Professional
30 Regulation Commission within the time limit and guidelines set by the Professional Regulation
31 Commission
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33 SECTION 13. *Ratings in the Examination*. In order to pass the examination, a candidate
34 must obtain a general average of at least seventy-five percent (75%) in the written test, with no
35 rating below fifty percent (50%) in any of the major courses. *Provided*, that the candidate has not
36 failed in at least sixty percent of the courses computed according to their relative weights.
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38 An applicant who has failed the examinations in at least three (3) attempts shall not be
39 qualified to take further examinations until such applicant shall have completed a refresher
40 course in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Board.

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2 SECTION 14. *Oath Taking.* - All successful, examinees shall be required to take a
3 professional oath before the Board or before any person authorized by Professional Regulation
4 Commission prior to entering the practice of medical technology in the Philippines.
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6 SECTION 15. *Issuance of Certificate of Registration.* - Every applicant who has
7 satisfactorily passed the required examination for medical technologists shall be issued a
8 certificate of registration. All certificates shall be signed by the Chairman and the Members of
9 the Board and by the Commissioner of the Professional Regulation Commission.
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11 The Board shall refuse to issue a certificate of registration to any person convicted by a
12 court of competent jurisdiction of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude, or who has
13 committed immoral, dishonorable or dishonest conduct, or is of unsound mind, or is suffering
14 from an incurable communicable disease. In the event of the Board's refusal to issue a certificate
15 of registration, it shall issue a written statement to the applicant, setting forth the reason for its
16 action. The statement issued by the Board shall be incorporated in its records.
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18 SECTION 16. *Fees.* - The fees to be paid by each applicant for the issuance of a new
19 certificate of registration, for the replacement of a lost, destroyed or mutilated certificate of
20 registration, or for the issuance or replacement Of Professional Regulation Commission
21 identification cards shall be in accordance with the fees established by the Professional
22 Regulation Commission.
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24 SECTION 17. *Revocation or Suspension of Certificates of Registration.* - The revocation
25 or suspension of a certificate of registration may only be made after the completion of an
26 administrative proceeding conducted by the hearing committee composed of at least two (2)
27 members of the Board and one (1) legal officer. Provided, that the existing rules of evidence
28 shall be observed during the administrative proceeding. *Provided, further,* that the person whose
29 certificate of registration is sought to be revoked or suspended shall be entitled to be represented
30 by counsel, to have a speedy, impartial and public proceeding, to confront the witnesses against
31 him and to all other rights guaranteed by the Constitution.
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33 The Board may, after giving proper notice and hearing to the party concerned, reprimand
34 an erring medical technologist, revoke or suspend his certificate of registration for violating any
35 provision of this Act, any rules or regulations issued pursuant to this Act or for unprofessional
36 conduct, malpractice, incompetency, gross ignorance or gross negligence in the practice of
37 medical technology.
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1 The hearing committee may, by a majority vote, impose the penalty of revocation,
2 suspension or reprimand. *Provided*, that the suspension of the certificate of registration shall not
3 exceed two (2) years.
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5 When the penalty of suspension or revocation is imposed by the hearing committee the
6 medical technologist shall be required to surrender his certificate of registration within thirty (30)
7 days after the decision becomes final. Should a medical technologist fail to surrender his
8 certificate of registration within the said period, the Board may disqualify him perpetually from
9 the practice of medical technology. The suspension shall run from the date of such surrender.
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11 SECTION 18. *Appeal*. - The revocation or suspension of a certificate of registration made
12 by the hearing committee may be appealed primarily and exclusively to the Professional
13 Regulation Commission. The decision of the Professional Regulation Commission may be
14 elevated to the Court of Appeals in accordance with the Rules of Court.
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16 SECTION 19. *Reissuance or Reinstatement of a revoked or suspended Certificate of*
17 *Registration*. - The Board may reissue a revoked certificate of registration upon the application
18 of the medical technologist whose certificate of registration was revoked. *Provided*, that the
19 reissuance of a revoked certificate of registration may' only be made for proper and sufficient
20 reasons, *Provided*, further, that no revoked certificate of registration may be reissued within one
21 (1) year from the date it was surrendered by the medical technologist whose certificate of
22 registration was revoked.
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24 The suspension of a certificate of registration shall be automatically lifted upon the
25 expiration of the period of suspension. Said certificate of registration shall be reinstated to the
26 medical technologist concerned upon request.
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28 The reissuance or reinstatement of the certificate of registration shall be without prejudice
29 to further actions by the Board for a violation of any provision of this Act, its implementing rules
30 or regulations or any condition imposed by the Board, upon the medical technologist during the
31 period of revocation or suspension.
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33 SECTION 20. *Roster of Medical Technologists*. - A roster of Medical Technologists shall
34 be prepared annually by the Secretary of the Board. This roster shall contain the name, address
35 and citizenship of each registered medical technologist; the date of registration or issuance of the
36 certificate of registration and any other pertinent data. The roster shall be open to public
37 inspection, and copies thereof shall be placed on file in the Professional Regulation Commission,
38 and furnished to other offices, private or governmental and to the public, upon request.
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1 SECTION 21. *Technical Committee for Medical Technology Education (TCMTE)* -
2 There is hereby established a Technical Committee for Medical Technology Education under
3 the Commission on Higher Education - Office of Programs and Standards (CHED-OPS). The
4 TCMTE shall be composed of the following members, who are medical technologists:

- 5 a. A representative from the Board of Medical Technology of the Professional
6 Regulation Commission;
- 7 b. The President of the Philippine Association of Medical Technologists, Inc.
8 (PAMET);
- 9 c. The President of the Philippine Association of Schools of Medical
10 Technology and Hygiene (PASMETH)
- 11 d. A representative from the clinical laboratory practice; and
- 12 e. A representative from the academe.

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14 The TCMTE shall be supported by a secretariat and staff.

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16 SECTION 22. *Functions of TCMTE.* - The TCMTE shall assist the Commission on
17 Higher Education in setting Policies, Standards and Guidelines for the Medical Technology
18 Program. It may also assist in its implementation, including monitoring and evaluation.

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20 The functions of the TCMTE are as follows.

- 21 a. To recommend the minimum curriculum required for the program of medical
22 technology;
- 23 b. To determine and prescribe the number of students that will be allowed to take the
24 medical technology program in each school, taking into account the student-
25 instructor ratio and the availability of facilities for instruction,
- 26 c. To recommend the closure of medical technology schools which are found to be
27 substandard;
- 28 d. To require all medical technology schools to submit an annual report, including the
29 total number of students and instructors, a list of facilities available for instruction,
30 a list of their recent graduates and new administrations, on or before the month of
31 June;
- 32 e. To inspect, whenever necessary, the different medical technology schools in the
33 country in order to determine whether a high standard of education is maintained in
34 said institutions;
- 35 f. To promulgate, prescribe and enforce such rules and regulations as may be
36 necessary for the proper implementation of the foregoing functions.

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38 SECTION 23. *Medical Technology (Medical Laboratory Science) Education.* - The
39 Medical Technology (Medical Laboratory Science) course shall be at least four years, as
40 stipulated in the Commission on Higher Education's Policies, Standards and Guidelines. The said

1 program shall be composed of general education, core and professional courses, and a
2 satisfactory internship program in accredited training laboratories. It shall include the following
3 professional courses;

- 4 a. Hematology;
- 5 b. Clinical Chemistry;
- 6 c. Microbiology;
- 7 d. Parasitology;
- 8 e. Blood Banking/Immunohematology;
- 9 f. Serology/Immunology;
- 10 g. Clinical Microscopy;
- 11 h. Histopathology & Cytology;
- 12 i. Laboratory Management; and
- 13 j. Medical Technology Laws & Ethics

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15 The Technical Committee for Medical Technology Education ("TCMTE") is hereby
16 authorized to change, remove from or add to the subjects listed, subject to the approval of the
17 Commission on Higher Education.

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19 SECTION 24. *Accreditation of Schools of, Medical Technology and of Training*
20 *Laboratories.* - The Commission on Higher Education, through TCMTE, shall approve schools
21 of Medical Technology and accredit licensed clinical laboratories for training of students in
22 accordance with the provisions of this Act. The laboratories shall show satisfactory evidence that
23 they possess qualified personnel and are properly equipped to carry out laboratory procedures
24 commonly required in the following fields: Clinical Chemistry, Microbiology & Parasitology,
25 Blood Banking, Immunohematology, Immunology & Serology, Clinical Microscopy (Urinalysis
26 & other body fluids), and Histopathologic and Cytologic Techniques, and that the scope of
27 activities of said laboratories offer sufficient training in said laboratory procedures

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29 SECTION 25. *Studies for Medical Technology Manpower Needs, Production, Utilization*
30 *and Development.* - The Board, in coordination with the accredited professional organization and
31 appropriate government and private agencies shall initiate, undertake and conduct studies on
32 health, human resources production, utilization and development.

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34 SECTION 26. *Membership to Accredited Professional Organization.* - All registered
35 medical technologists whose names appear in the roster of the Professional Regulation
36 Commission shall automatically become members of the accredited professional organization of
37 registered and licensed medical technologists. Members of the said accredited professional
38 organization shall receive benefits and privileges appurtenant thereto upon compliance to
39 membership requirements and payment of the required fees and dues. Membership in the

1 accredited professional organization shall not be a bar to membership in any other association of
2 allied health professionals.

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4 SECTION 27. *Continuing Professional Development for Medical Technology.* - There
5 shall be a program of Continuing Professional Development for Medical Technology (CPD-MT)
6 conducted by the national accredited professional organization and other CPD-MT providers to
7 promote and facilitate lifelong learning in the enhancement of competencies towards delivery of
8 quality, updated and ethical services both locally and globally.

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10 The CPD Council for Medical Technology (CPDC-MT) under the Professional
11 Regulation Commission is created to ensure adequate and appropriate provision of CPD
12 programs and to issue operational guidelines duly approved by the Commission

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14 All Registered medical technologists shall abide by the requirements, rules and
15 regulations on CPD promulgated by the CPDC-MT, duly approved by the Commission.

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17 SECTION 28. *Lifelong Learning for Medical Technologists.* - Upon the effectivity of
18 this Act, a medical technologist shall be required to show compliance to the required CPD units
19 as basis for renewal of the PRC ID every three (3) years.

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21 SECTION 29. *Salary.* - In order to enhance the general welfare, commitment to service
22 and professionalism of medical technologists, the minimum base pay of a registered medical
23 technologist should not be lower than an amount equivalent to Salary Grade 15 under Republic
24 Act 6758, Compensation and Position Classification Act of 1989, and the approved Joint
25 Resolution No. 4 of Congress 2009.

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27 SECTION 30. *Foreign Reciprocity* - No foreigner shall be admitted to an examination, be
28 given a certificate of registration or be entitled to any of the rights or privileges under this Act
29 unless the country or state of which he is a subject or a citizen permits Filipino medical
30 technologists to practice within its territorial limits on the same basis as the subjects or citizens
31 of said country or state.

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33 SECTION 31. *Inhibition Against the Practice of Medical Technology/Special temporary*
34 *Permit.* - No person shall practice or offer to practice medical technology as defined in this Act
35 without having previously obtained a valid certificate of registration from the Board. *Provided,*
36 that a certificate of registration shall not be required from the following:

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38 a. Duly registered physicians;

- 1 b Medical technologists in the service of the Armed Forces of the United States of
2 America who are stationed in the Philippines and are rendering services as such for
3 members of the said armed forces only.
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5 Special Temporary Permits (STPs) may be issued to medical technologists from
6 other countries called for consultation or as visiting or exchange professors to colleges or
7 universities: *Provided*, That their practice of medical technology within the country is limited to
8 their performance of the said function
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10 SECTION 32. *Penal Provisions.* - Without prejudice to the provisions of the Medical Act
11 of 1959, as amended, relating to the illegal practice of medicine, the following shall be punished
12 by a fine of not less than fifty thousand pesos (P50,000) nor more than one hundred thousand
13 pesos (P100,000) or imprisonment for not less than six (6) months nor more than two (2) years,
14 or both, in the discretion of the court:
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- 16 a. Any person who shall practice Medical Technology in the Philippines without being
17 registered or exempted from registration in accordance with the provisions of this
18 Act;
19 b. Any medical technologist who shall knowingly make a fraudulent laboratory report;
20 c. Any person presenting or attempting to use as his own, the certificate of registration
21 of another;
22 d. Any person who shall give any false or fraudulent evidence of any kind to the Board
23 or any member thereof in obtaining a certificate of registration as a medical
24 technologist;
25 e. Any person who shall impersonate any registrant,
26 f. Any person who shall attempt to use a revoked or suspended certificate of
27 registration;
28 g. Any person who shall, in connection with his name or otherwise, assume, use or
29 advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that he is a
30 medical technologist without holding a valid certificate of registration;
31 h. Any person or corporate body who shall allow a non-registered medical
32 technologist/medical laboratory technician under his employment to engage in the
33 practice of medical technology or recommend the appointment of anyone to the
34 position of a medical technologist/medical laboratory technician while knowing that
35 he is not registered as such,
36 i. Any person or corporate body who shall violate any provision of this Act or any
37 rules or regulations issued pursuant to this Act.
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1 SECTION 33. *Enforcement of this Act.* - It shall be the primary duty of the Professional
2 Regulation Commission and the Board to effectively implement this Act. Any law enforcement
3 agency and officers, employees and agents of national, provincial, city or municipal governments
4 shall, upon the call or request of the Professional Regulation Commission or the Board, render
5 assistance in enforcing the provisions of this Act and, to prosecute any persons violating the
6 same.

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8 SECTION 34. *Appropriations.* - The Chairperson of the Professional Regulation
9 Commission shall include in the Commission's program the funding requirements for the
10 implementation of this Act. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued implementation
11 of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

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13 SECTION 35. *Rules and Regulations.* Within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this
14 Act, the Board and the Professional Regulation Commission, in coordination with the national
15 accredited professional organization, the Department of Health, the Department of Budget and
16 Management and other concerned agencies, shall formulate such rules and regulations necessary
17 to carry out the provisions of this Act. The implementing rules and regulations shall be published
18 in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

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20 SECTION 36. *Separability Clause* - Should any provision herein be declared
21 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

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23 SECTION 37. *Repealing Clause.* - Republic Act Nos. 5527 and 6138, Presidential
24 Decree Nos. 498 and 1534. and all other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and
25 regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
26 accordingly .

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28 SECTION 38. *Effectivity.* - This Act takes effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
29 at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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