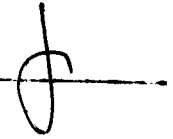


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 5527, also known as the Medical Technology Act of 1969, serves as a comprehensive legal framework, ensuring the integrity and professionalism of the medical technology profession in the country. Fifty four years since its enactment the law has become outdated and no longer reflective of the contemporary landscape in medical technology education and profession, failing to address current practices and requirements in the field.

Due to the high demand for Filipino medical technologists, it is essential that their training and education align with global standards for medical professionals. Our laws should be adaptive to change to cater the needs of our Filipino healthcare workers. Higher educational institutions offering Medical Technology courses have proactively adapted and revised their curricula to include advancements and current trends in the medical field worldwide.

This proposed measure seeks to provide medical technologists working in either public or private healthcare institutions to 25% of the minimum basic pay as hazard pay; a working environment compliant to occupational safety and health standards,

including provision of personal protective equipment; and other non-wage benefits such as availment of health services, including psychological and physical health services; and support for professional needs such as but not limited to Continuing Professional Development and Career Progression and Specialization.

Moreover, to enhance the general welfare, commitment to service, and professionalism of medical technologists, the minimum base pay upon entry of a medical technologist in public institutions shall not be lower than the amount equivalent to Salary Grade 15.

Further, this measure aims to provide the areas and scope of practice of medical technology, when a person performs examinations of the human body and other body fluids through electronic, chemical, microscopic, and other laboratory procedures and techniques, either manual or automated, teaches courses, trains and supervises students in educational institutions with Medical Technology and provides other services where knowledge, skills and experience of a medical technologist are needed.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is urgently sought.

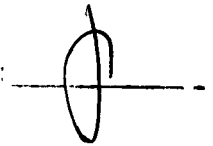


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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* - This act shall be known as the "Philippine Medical
2 Technology Act of 2023."
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4 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - The State recognizes the importance of the
5 Medical Technology profession in nation building and development through the portals
6 of healthcare, education and research. Hence, it shall develop and nurture competent,
7 virtuous, productive and well-rounded medical technologists whose standard of
8 practice and service shall be world class.
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10 Further, the State shall promote, regulate and protect the professional practice
11 of Medical Technology in the Philippines and shall ensure its continued growth and
12 development at par with international standards of practice.
13

14 Sec. 3. *Definition of Terms.* - As used in this Act, the following terms shall
15 mean:

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 for Medical Technology Program by the Commission on
19 Higher Education.
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21 b. Accredited Professional Organization - refers to the national professional
22 organization, whose membership is voluntary, and recognized and accredited
23 by the Professional Regulation Commission.

1 c. Board – refers to the Professional Regulatory Board of Medical Technology
2 under the administrative supervision and control of the Professional Regulation
3 Commission.

4
5 d. Career Progression and Specialization (CPS) - refers to the process of
6 developing or moving towards a more advanced state in a person's job, title, position,
7 or profession; it outlines the route one may follow in order to reach identified career
8 development goals.

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10 e. Commission – refers to the Professional Regulation Commission.

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12 f. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) - refers to the inculcation of
13 advanced knowledge, skills and ethical values in post-licensure specialized or in inter-
14 or multidisciplinary field of study for assimilation into professional practice, self-
15 directed research and/or lifelong learning.

16
17 g. Code of Ethics - refers to a set of guidelines, standards, and principles to
18 promote professional behavior that are value- and compliance-based and relates to
19 integrity, professionalism, and social responsibility, as prescribed and promulgated by
20 the Board, in consultation with the duly accredited professional organization, with the
21 approval of the Professional Regulation Commission.

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23 h. Medical Technology- refers to the healthcare profession that provides
24 professional services for the purpose of helping the physician in the diagnosis,
25 treatment and management of diseases, for public health surveillance, and for the
26 promotion of health in general. The profession provides laboratory investigations on
27 biological and non-biological specimens which have impact on health, the results of
28 which provide information to physicians or other health professionals in relation to
29 healthcare, research, forensics and other services related to medical technology using
30 emerging, converging or disrupting technologies, as may be applied in the field and
31 other related fields.

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33 Medical Technology may also provide laboratory investigations on animals for
34 the purpose of helping veterinarians in the care of animals.

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36 i. Medical Laboratory Science - refers to the other name for Medical
37 Technology.

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39 j. Medical Technologist - refers to a holder of Bachelor of Science in Medical
40 Technology (BS in Medical Laboratory Science) or Bachelor of Science in
41 Public Health, who is duly licensed and registered with the Commission and
42 is qualified to practice Medical Technology.

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44 k. Medical Laboratory Scientist - refers to the other name for Medical
45 Technologist.

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47 l. Phlebotomy - refers to drawing or collection of blood.

1 m. Recognized School of Medical Technology - refers to a school, college or
2 university which offers a Bachelor's degree program in Medical Technology also known
3 as Medical Laboratory Science approved by the Commission on Higher Education.
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5 n. Technical Panel for Medical Technology Education - refers to the Technical
6 Panel for Medical Technology Education organized under the Commission on Higher
7 Education (CHED).
8

9 *Sec. 4. Areas and Scope of Practice of Medical Technology.* – A person is
10 deemed to be in the practice of medical technology within the meaning of this Act, if,
11 for purposes of helping in the diagnosis, treatment and management of diseases, in
12 public health surveillance, and in the promotion of health in general, such person, with
13 or without a fee, salary, compensation or reward, paid, given directly or indirectly:
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- 15 a. Performs examinations of tissues, secretions and excretions of the
16 human body and other body fluids through electronic, chemical,
17 microscopic, hematologic, serologic, immunologic, nuclear, molecular,
18 cytogenetic, parasitologic, bacteriologic, mycologic, virologic and other
19 laboratory procedures and techniques, either manual or automated;
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- 21 b. Performs blood banking procedures and techniques for transfusion
22 service;
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- 24 c. Performs histopathologic and cytologic techniques;
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- 26 d. Performs phlebotomy, processing and preservation of specimens;
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- 28 e. Teaches courses, trains and supervises students in educational
29 institutions with Medical Technology/ Medical Science programs;
30 provided, that teaching of courses for licensure examinations shall follow
31 Section 11 of Republic Act No.8981 , "PRC Modernization Act of 2000 ";
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- 33 f. Undertakes consultancy in clinical laboratory equipment planning and
34 evaluation, introduction and demonstration of new clinical laboratory
35 methods, or troubleshooting of laboratory tests and procedures where
36 knowledge , skills and experience as medical technologists are required;
- 37 g. Performs drug testing;
- 38 h. Performs research involving human beings, animals or non-biological
39 materials which requires the utilization of the knowledge and skills of a
40 Medical Technologist (Medical Laboratory Scientist);
- 41 i. Performs clinical laboratory quality control;
- 42 j. Performs preparation and standardization of reagents, standards, stains
43 or others; *Provided*, that such reagents, standards, stains or others are
44 exclusively for the use of their clinical laboratory;

1 k. Provides other services where knowledge, skills and experience of a
2 medical technologist are needed.

3 Provided, That any person who has passed the corresponding Board examination for
4 the practice of a profession already regulated by existing law, shall not be subject to
5 the provisions of paragraphs (g), (h), (i) and (j) if the performance of such acts or
6 services is merely incidental to his profession.

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8 The performance of any of the foregoing activities by a registered and licensed
9 medical technologist shall be without prejudice to all other applicable laws, rules
10 and regulations.

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12 The Professional Regulatory Board of Medical Technology, hereinafter created,
13 subject to the " Modernization Act of 2000", and in consultation with the accredited
14 professional organization (APO), may modify the above-enumerated acts, services, or
15 activities, as the need arises, in order to conform to the latest trends and developments
16 in the practice of the medical technology profession: *Provided*, That such
17 modifications are consistent with the enumeration above.

18
19 *Sec. 5. Professional Regulatory Board of Medical Technology.* - There is hereby
20 created a Professional Regulatory Board of Medical Technology under the Commission.
21 The Board shall be composed of a Chairperson and two (2) Members, all of whom are
22 registered medical technologists who have completed the Bachelor of Science in
23 Medical Technology/ Medical Laboratory Science. The Chairperson and Members of
24 the Boards shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines
25 ("President") upon recommendation of the Commission and shall serve for a term of
26 three (3) years. The Chairperson and the Members of the Board shall hold such office
27 until their successors shall have been appointed and duly qualified.

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29 For its recommendation, the Commission shall submit to the President a list
30 containing three (3) names from among a list of five (5) nominees for each position
31 recommended by the duly accredited professional organization of medical
32 technologists for appointment of the Chairperson or any Member of the Board prior to
33 the expiration of the term of the Chairperson or any Member of the Board.

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35 In case of death, disability or removal for cause of the Chairperson or any
36 Member of the Board, his successor shall only serve the balance of his term.

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38 *Sec. 6. Qualifications of the Chairperson and Members of the Board.* - No person
39 shall be appointed as Chairperson or as a Member of the Board unless he is a duly
40 registered medical technologist, a natural born Filipino citizen and a resident of the
41 Philippines within the last five years at the time of nomination, and of good moral
42 character. Provided, that the Chairperson and Members of the Board must be
43 members in good standing of the accredited professional organization. Provided,
44 further, that the Chairperson and the Members of the Board must not be an officer or
45 director of the accredited professional organization at the time of their nomination.

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47 The Chairperson must be at least forty (40) years of age, and must have at
48 least fifteen (15) years of professional experience as a medical technologist and must

1 be holding a position as medical technologist in a continuous period of at least 5 years
2 at the time of appointment. He must be a holder of at least a health-related Master's
3 degree, preferably a Masters in Medical Technology.
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5 The Members of the Board must be at least forty (40) years of age, must have
6 at least ten (10) years of professional experience as medical technologist and holding
7 a position as Medical Technologist in a continuous period of at least 5 years at the
8 time of appointment and preferably a holder of a health-related Master's degree.
9

10 The Chairperson and Members of the Board must not have any pecuniary
11 interest, directly or indirectly, in any school, college, university or institution conferring
12 an academic degree necessary for admission to the practice of medical technology or
13 in any review center ; neither shall he/she be a member of the faculty or of the
14 administration thereof at the time of his/her appointment to the Board; nor shall
15 he/she be a member of the faculty/ administration in a medical technology school
16 and reviewer in a review center at the time of nomination.
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18 *Sec. 7. Compensation and Allowances of the Board.* - The Chairperson and each
19 Member of the Board shall receive compensation and allowances equivalent to that
20 being received by the chairperson and members of the other professional regulatory
21 boards under the Commission as provided for in the General Appropriations Act.
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23 *Sec. 8. Powers and Functions of the Board. –*
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- 25 a. Administer and implement the provisions of this Act;
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27 b. Regulate the profession in accordance with the professional regulatory
28 law;
29 c. Determine and prepare the questions for the licensure examination for
30 medical technologists
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32 d. Administer oaths in connection with the administration of this Act;
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34 e. Issue, suspend, revoke or reissue, reinstate certificates of registration
35 and Special Temporary Permits for the practice of medical technology and medical
36 technician;
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38 f. Look into conditions affecting the practice of medical technology in the
39 Philippines and, whenever necessary, adopt such a measure that may be deemed
40 proper for the maintenance of good ethics and standards in the practice of medical
41 technology;
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43 g. Investigate cases arising from the violations of this Act, or of the rules
44 and regulations issued hereunder. For this purpose, the Board may issue subpoena
45 and subpoena duces tecum;
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47 h. Draft such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the
48 provisions under this Act;

1 i. Prescribe the qualifications and training of medical technologists with
2 regard to special fields of the profession and to supervise their special examination to
3 be conducted by the Commission;

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5 j. Formulate and implement guidelines for a refresher course for use of
6 applicant who failed to pass the Board Examination for the third time;

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8 k. Prescribe and promulgate the Code of Ethics and Code of Professional
9 Standards for the Practice of Medical Technology, in consultation with the APO;

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11 l. Issue guidelines on the CPD, through the CPD Council, with the approval
12 of the Commission; and

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14 m. Perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the Commission,
15 in accordance with existing laws.

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17 *Sec. 9. Removal of Board Members.* - Any member of the Board may, upon the
18 recommendation of the Commission after due process of law and investigation
19 conducted by the Commission, be suspended or removed by the President of the
20 Philippines from office for cause such as gross neglect of duty, incompetence,
21 malpractice, crimes involving moral turpitude, and manipulating of the licensure
22 examination results, or disclosure of secret and confidential information in the
23 examination questions prior to the conduct of the said examination.

24
25 *Sec. 10. Licensure Examination.* - Except as otherwise specifically allowed under
26 the provisions of this Act, all applicants for registration as medical technologists shall
27 be required to undergo a written examination which shall be given by the Board semi-
28 annually in such places as the Board may deem proper, subject to the approval of the
29 Commission.

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31 *Sec. 11. Qualifications for Admission to the Licensure Examination.* - An
32 applicant for the licensure examination for medical technologists shall establish to the
33 satisfaction of the Board, that:

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35 (a) He/She is a citizen of the Philippines, or if he/she is a foreigner, must
36 prove that the country of which he/she is a subject or citizen thereof
37 permits Filipino medical technologists to practice within its territorial
38 jurisdiction on the same basis as the subjects or citizens of such country;

39
40 (b) He/She is a graduate of a Bachelor of Science in Medical
41 Technology/Medical Laboratory Science from a CHED recognized school,
42 college or university. A graduate of Bachelor of Science in Public Health
43 may be eligible if the completed degree program is similar to the Policies,
44 Standards and Guidelines for Medical Technology Education as approved
45 by CHED.

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47 (c) He/She is of good moral character; and

1 (d) He/She must not have been finally convicted of an offense involving
2 moral turpitude by a competent court.

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4 Sec. 12. *Scope of Examination for Medical Technology.* - The scope of
5 examination for medical technology shall cover the following courses with their
6 respective relative weights:

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8	Clinical Chemistry	20%
9	Microbiology and Parasitology	20%
10	Hematology	20%
11	Immunohematology (Blood Banking and Transfusion Service)	
12	and Immunology and Serology	20%
13	Clinical Microscopy (Urinalysis and Other Body Fluids)	10%
14	Histopathologic, cytologic and cellular immunologic techniques,	
15	Laboratory Management, Medical Technology Law, Related Laws,	
16	and the Code of Ethics	10%
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18 The general average of each examinee shall be computed according to the
19 above-mentioned relative weights of each course. The Board may change, add to or
20 remove from the list of above courses or weights as progress in the science of medical
21 technology may require, after consultation with the accredited professional
22 organization and association of schools of medical technology and upon approval of
23 the Commission.

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25 The schedule of courses for examination shall be prepared and submitted by
26 the Board in a manner prescribed by the Commission.

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28 Sec. 13. *Report of Rating.* - The Board shall, after the date of completion of the
29 examination, report the result thereof for the approval of the Commission within such
30 time limit and guidelines that the Board and the Commission may set.

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32 Sec. 14. *Ratings in the Examination.* - In order to pass the examination for
33 Medical Technology, a candidate must obtain a general average of at least seventy-
34 five (75%) in the written test, with no rating below fifty percent (50%) in any of the
35 major courses. Provided, that the candidate has not failed in at least sixty percent
36 (60%) of the courses computed according to their relative weights.

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38 After three (3) unsuccessful board examinations, completion of a refresher
39 program as prescribed by the Board shall be required before another examination can
40 be taken.

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42 Sec. 15. *Oath.* - All successful examinees qualified for registration shall be
43 required to take an oath of profession before any member of the Board or any
44 representative of the Board as authorized by the Commission to administer oaths,
45 prior to entering into the practice of medical technology in the Philippines.

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47 Sec. 16. *Issuance of Certificate of Registration.* - Every applicant who has
48 satisfactorily passed the required examination for medical technologists shall be issued

1 a Certificate of Registration as such: Provided, that no such certificate shall be issued
2 to any successful applicant who has not attained the age of twenty-one (21) years.
3 All certificates shall be signed by the Chairman and Members of the Board and by the
4 Chairperson of the Commission.
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6 A Professional Identification Card shall at least bear minimum information such
7 as the registration number, date of issuance and expiry date, duly signed by the
8 Chairperson of the Commission. Other information such as qualifications of the
9 applicant may be included upon the approval of the Commission. The Professional
10 Identification Card shall be renewed subject to requirements prescribed by the Board
11 and the Commission.
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13 The Board shall refuse to issue a Certificate of Registration to any person
14 convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of any criminal offense involving moral
15 turpitude, or who has committed immoral, dishonorable or dishonest conduct, or is of
16 unsound mind. In the event of the Board's refusal to issue a Certificate of Registration,
17 it shall issue a written statement to the applicant setting forth the reason for its action.
18 The statement issued by the Board shall be incorporated in its records.
19

20 Sec. 17. *Fees.* - The fees to be paid by each applicant for the issuance of a new
21 Certificate of Registration, replacement of a lost, destroyed or mutilated Certificate of
22 Registration, or issuance or replacement of the Professional Identification Card shall
23 be in accordance with the fees established by the Commission.
24

25 Sec. 18. *Revocation or Suspension of Certificates of Registration.* - The
26 revocation or suspension of a Certificate of Registration may only be made after the
27 completion of an administrative proceeding conducted by the hearing committee
28 composed of at least one (1) Member of the Board and one (1) legal officer. Provided,
29 that the existing rules of evidence shall be observed during the administrative
30 proceeding. Provided further, that the person whose Certificate of Registration is
31 sought to be revoked or suspended shall be entitled to be represented by counsel, to
32 have a speedy, impartial and public proceeding, to confront the witnesses against him
33 and to all other rights guaranteed by the Constitution.
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35 The Board may, after giving proper notice and hearing to the party concerned,
36 reprimand an erring medical technologist, revoke or suspend his Certificate of
37 Registration for violating any provision of this Act, any rules or regulations issued
38 pursuant to this Act or for unprofessional and unethical conduct, incompetence or
39 ignorance, malpractice or negligence in the practice of medical technology.
40

41 No penalty of revocation shall be imposed unless there is a unanimous vote of
42 all the three members of the Board. The Board may, by majority vote, impose the
43 penalty of reprimand or suspension. Provided, that the suspension of the Certificate
44 of Registration shall not exceed two (2) years.
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46 When the penalty of suspension or revocation is imposed by the Board, the
47 medical technologist shall be required to surrender his Certificate of Registration within
48 fifteen (15) days after the decision becomes final. Should the medical technologist fail

1 to surrender his certificate of registration within said period without valid reason, the
2 Board may disqualify him perpetually from the practice of medical technology. The
3 suspension shall run from the date of such surrender.
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5 **Sec. 19. *Appeal.*** - The revocation or suspension of a Certificate of Registration
6 made by the hearing committee may be appealed primarily and exclusively to the
7 Commission. The decision of the Commission may be elevated to the Court of Appeals
8 in accordance with the Rules of Court.
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10 **Sec. 20. *Reissuance or Reinstatement of a Revoked or Suspended Certificate***
11 ***of Registration.*** - The Board may reissue a revoked Certificate of Registration upon
12 the application of the medical technologist whose Certificate of Registration was
13 revoked. Provided, that the reissuance of a revoked Certificate of Registration may
14 only be made for proper and sufficient reasons, Provided, further, that no revoked
15 Certificate of Registration may be reissued within two (2) years from the date of its
16 surrender.
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18 A suspended Certificate of Registration shall be reinstated upon request of the
19 medical technologist after the expiration of the period of suspension.
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21 The reissuance or reinstatement of the Certificate of Registration shall be
22 without prejudice to further actions by the Board for a violation of any provision of
23 this Act, its implementing rules or regulations or any condition imposed by the Board
24 upon the medical technologist during the period of revocation or suspension.
25

26 **Sec. 21. *Roster of Medical Technologists.*** - A roster of Medical Technologists
27 shall be prepared annually by the Professional Registry Division. This roster shall
28 contain the name of each registered medical technologist; the date of registration or
29 issuance of the Certificate of Registration and other pertinent data, as approved by
30 the Commission.
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32 **Sec. 22. *Technical Panel for Medical Technology Education (TPMTE) or its***
33 ***equivalent.*** - The Technical Panel for Medical Technology Education under the
34 Commission on Higher Education shall be composed of the following members:
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- 36 a. A representative from the Board;
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- 38 b. The President of the accredited professional organization of medical
39 technologists;
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- 41 c. The President of the association of schools of medical technology;
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- 43 d. Two representatives from clinical laboratory practice who are Chief Medical
44 technologists or at least holding a supervisory medical technologist position
45 in a tertiary clinical laboratory; and
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- 1 e. Two representatives from academe who are Medical technologists holding
2 positions with management responsibility in an institution with medical
3 technology/medical laboratory science program.
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5 The Commission on Higher Education shall provide secretariat and other
6 support services to the TPMTE or its equivalent.
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8 *Sec. 23. Responsibilities of TPMTE or its equivalent.* - The TPMTE shall assist
9 the Commission on Higher Education in setting Policies, Standards and Guidelines for
10 the formal Medical Technology Programs, both undergraduate and post-graduate
11 studies. It shall serve as the Resource Persons for CHED.
12

13 *Sec. 24. Medical Technology Education.* - The Bachelor of Science in Medical
14 Technology (Medical Laboratory Science) program shall be at least four (4) years, as
15 stipulated in the Commission on Higher Education's Policies, Standards and Guidelines
16 for Medical Technology Education. Said program shall be composed of general
17 education, core and professional courses, and a satisfactory and duly approved
18 internship program in CHED accredited training laboratories.
19

20 *Sec. 25. Accreditation of Schools of Medical Technology Education and of*
21 *Training Laboratories.* - All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, Implementing
22 Rules and Regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed
23 or modified accordingly.
24

25 *Sec. 26. Studies for Medical Technology Human Resource Management.* - The
26 Board, in coordination with the accredited professional organization and appropriate
27 government and private agencies shall initiate, undertake and conduct studies on
28 health, human resources production, utilization or deployment and development.
29

30 *Sec. 27. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for Medical Technology.* -
31 The Board shall formulate guidelines for the implementation of Continuing Professional
32 Development for Medical Technology as approved by the Commission to ensure
33 sustainability, accessibility and affordability. CPD shall provide, promote and facilitate
34 the enhancement of competence and competencies towards delivery of quality, safe,
35 updated, and ethical services, both locally and globally. It shall also support Career
36 Progression and Specialization Program for Medical Technology.
37

38 *Sec. 28. Salary.* - In order to enhance the general welfare, commitment to
39 service, and professionalism of medical technologists, the minimum base pay upon
40 entry of a medical technologist in public shall not be lower than the amount equivalent
41 to Salary Grade 15.
42

43 *Sec. 29. Hazard Pay, Health and Safety and other Entitlements.* - Medical
44 technologists working in either public or private healthcare institutions shall be entitled
45 to 25% of the minimum basic pay as hazard pay; a working environment compliant
46 to occupational safety and health standards, including provision of personal protective
47 equipment; and other non-wage benefits such as availment of health services,
48 including psychological and physical health services; and support for professional

1 needs such as but not limited to Continuing Professional Development and Career
2 Progression and Specialization.

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4 Sec. 30. *Career Progression and Specialization (CPS)*. - The Board shall
5 formulate a Career Progression and Specialization Program for Medical Technology as
6 approved by the Commission.

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8 Sec. 31. *Foreign Reciprocity*. - No foreigner shall be admitted to an
9 examination, be given a Certificate of Registration or be entitled to any of the rights
10 or privileges under this Act unless the country or state of which he is a subject or a
11 citizen permits Filipino medical technologists to practice within its territorial limits on
12 the same basis as the subjects or citizens of said country or state.

13
14 Sec. 32. *Inhibition Against the Practice of Medical Technology*. - No person shall
15 practice or offer to practice medical technology as defined in this Act without having
16 previously obtained a valid certificate of registration from the Board provided that
17 registration shall not be required of the following:

18 a. Duly registered physicians

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21 b. Medical technologists from other countries called for specific consultation or
22 as visiting or exchange professors to colleges or universities or medical missions who
23 may be issued Special Temporary Permits (STPs): Provided, that their practice of
24 medical technology within the country is limited to their performance of the said
25 function and subject to other conditions as may be prescribed by the Board and the
26 Commission.

27
28 Sec. 33. *Penal Provisions*. - The following shall be punished by a fine of not less
29 than fifty thousand pesos (50,000) nor more than one hundred thousand pesos
30 (100,000) or imprisonment for not less than six (6) months nor more than (2) years,
31 or both, at the discretion of the court: Any person who shall practice Medical
32 Technology in the Philippines without being registered in accordance with the
33 provisions of this Act;

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35 (a) Any medical technologist who shall knowingly make a fraudulent
36 laboratory report;

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38 (b) Any person presenting or attempting to use as his own, the Certificate
39 of Registration of another;

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41 (c) Any person who shall give any false or fraudulent evidence of any kind
42 to the Board or any member thereof in obtaining a Certificate of
43 Registration as a medical technologist;

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45 (d) Any person who shall impersonate any registrant,

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47 (e) Any person who shall attempt to use a revoked or suspended Certificate
48 of Registration;

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2 (f) Any person who shall, in connection with his name or otherwise, assume,
3 use or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression
4 that he is a medical technologist without holding a valid Certificate of
5 Registration;

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7 (g) Any person or corporate body who shall allow non-registered medical
8 technologist under his employ to engage in the practice of medical
9 technology or recommend the appointment of anyone to the position of
10 a medical technologist while knowing that he is not registered as such;
11 or

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13 (h) Any person or corporate body who shall violate any provision of this Act
14 or any rules or regulations issued pursuant to this Act.

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16 **Sec. 34. *Enforcement of this Act.*** - It shall be the primary duty of the
17 Commission and Board to effectively implement the provisions of this Act. Any law
18 enforcement agency and officers, employees and agents of national, provincial, city
19 or municipal governments shall, upon the call or request of the Commission or the
20 Board, render assistance in enforcing the provisions of this Act and, to prosecute any
21 person violating the same.

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23 **Sec. 35. *Funds.*** - The Chairperson of the Commission shall include in the
24 Commission's program the funding requirements for the implementation of this Act.
25 Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall
26 be included in the General Appropriations Act.

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28 **Sec. 36. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within ninety (90) days after
29 the effectivity of this Act, the Board and the Commission, in coordination with the
30 accredited professional organization, the Department of Health, the Department of
31 Budget and Management and other concerned agencies, shall formulate such rules
32 and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act. The implementing
33 rules and regulations shall be published in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of
34 general circulation.

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36 **Sec. 37. *Transitory Provisions.*** - Upon the effectivity of this Act:

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38 (a) The Board shall discontinue the registration of medical laboratory
39 technicians as provided for in Section 21 of Republic Act No. 5527.
40 Provided, that medical laboratory technicians registered under Republic
41 Act No. 5527 shall maintain their status as registered medical laboratory
42 technician after this Act has taken effect. Provided, further, that a
43 registered medical technologist occupying the position of a medical
44 laboratory technician shall be accorded an appropriate position and be
45 reclassified as a medical technologist.

46 (b) The incumbent Chairperson and Members of the Board shall continue to
47 serve until the first Board constituted under the provisions of this Act
48 shall have been appointed and duly qualified.

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Sec. 38. *Separability Clause.* - Should any provision herein be declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

Sec. 39. *Repealing Clause.* - Republic Act Nos. 5527 and 6138, Presidential Decree Nos. 498 and 1534 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 39. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation and the Official Gazette.

Approved,