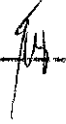


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to set a national standard for the practice of clinical psychology and psychometrics (psychological testing) through:

1. creating a clinical psychology and psychometrics board tasked to oversee the practice of the profession as well as to issue licenses to its practitioners;
2. defining the scope of the nature of practice psychologists and psychometricians;
3. setting the criteria or qualification for the licensure of the practitioners of the profession;
4. mandating the criteria for the granting of such licenses; and
5. prescribing penalties for violators of the Act.

This bill addresses the need of the public for protection from exploitation and injury, intentional or unintentional, either by quacks or even well-meaning individuals who are not adequately-trained to practice this complex clinical skill. In this light, there is also a need for clinical psychologists and psychometricians to regulate their profession and render their specialized services with assurance and confidence at a reasonable level of competence and accountability.

The passage of this measure will serve to strengthen the psychology profession, uplift its standards, and safeguard the interest of the public.


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


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**AN ACT
TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND
PSYCHOMETRICS CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL
REGULATORY BOARD OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHOMETRICS,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

ARTICLE I

TITLE

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "*Philippine Clinical Psychology and Psychometrics Act of 2008*".

ARTICLE II

STATEMENT OF POLICY

SEC. 2. *Statement of Policy.* – The Sate recognizes the importance of clinical psychologists and psychometricians in nation-building and development. Hence, it shall nurture competent, upright and assiduous clinical psychologists and psychometricians whose standards of practice and service shall be excellent and globally competitive through the administration of violable, effective and credible licensure examinations and the imposition and promotion of regulatory measures, programs and activities that enhance their professional growth and well-being.

1 **ARTICLE III**

2 **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

3 **SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.*** – As used in this Act, the following, terms shall have the
4 following meanings:

5 (a) “Clinical Psychology” is the scientific study of the diagnosis and treatment of
6 psychological (i.e., mental and/or emotional and/or behavioral) problems.

7 (b) “Practice of Clinical Psychology” consists of the diagnosis and treatment of
8 persons with perceived or actual psychological (i.e., mental and/or emotional
9 and/or behavioral) concerns and/or problems. Clinical psychologists specialize in
10 employing scientifically-sound and/or proven methods to help persons with
11 psychological problems adjust to the demands of life. The practice of clinical
12 psychology includes, but is not limited to:

13 1) Administering, scoring and interpreting results of psychological tests
14 including projective techniques, for the purpose of diagnosing functioning,
15 composing a written integrated report on the nature and quality of such
16 psychological problems and dysfunction, if any, ascribing a prognosis for
17 individual clients or patients, and suggesting or offering a plan for
18 psychotherapeutic sessions or activities;

19 2) Interviewing, counseling and/or rendering psychotherapeutic services to
20 clients or patients, including their families or support groups whenever called
21 for, directed at modifying maladaptive behaviors which are not attributable to
22 organic causes;

23 3) Appearing as an expert witness in judicial or other proceedings involving,
24 necessitating or otherwise relating to, psychological intervention;

25 4) Teaching courses in, or otherwise educating others about clinical psychology
26 and psychometrics

1 (c) "Clinical Psychologist" means a natural person who is duly registered and holds a
2 valid certificate of registration and a valid professional identification card as
3 clinical psychologists, issued by the Professional Regulatory Board of Clinical
4 Psychology and Psychometrics and the Professional Regulation Commission
5 pursuant to this Act.

6 (d) "Psychometrician" means a natural person who is duly registered who holds a
7 valid certificate of registration and a valid professional identification card issued
8 by the Professional Regulatory Commission of Psychology and the Professional
9 Regulation Commission pursuant to this Act. As such, he or she shall be
10 authorized to do any of the following, provided, that such shall at all times be
11 conducted under the supervision of a licensed psychologist:

- 12 1) Administering and scoring of standardized psychological tests except
13 projective techniques;
- 14 2) Interpreting results of the same and preparing a written report on these results;
- 15 3) Conducting preparatory intake interviews of clients for psychotherapeutic
16 sessions, as well as group activities relative to studies on psychology
17 principles and/or research projects.

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19 **ARTICLE IV**
20 **PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF**
21 **CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHOMETRICS**

22 **SEC. 4. *Creation and Composition of the Professional Regulatory Board of Clinical***
23 ***Psychology and Psychometrics.*** – There is hereby created a Professional Regulatory Board of
24 Clinical Psychology and Psychometrics, hereinafter called the Board, a collegial body under the
25 administrative control and supervision of the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC),
26 hereinafter referred to as the Commission, which shall be composed of a Chairperson and two (2)
27 members appointed by the President of the Philippines from a list of three (3) nominees for each

1 position. The list of nominees shall be submitted to the Commission by the integrated and
2 accredited national organization of psychologists and psychometricians herein referred to as the
3 Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP). The Board shall be organized not later than
4 sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

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6 **SEC. 5. *Qualifications of the Chairperson and the Members of the Professional***
7 ***Regulatory Board of Clinical Psychology and Psychometrics.*** – The Chairperson and members
8 of the Board shall, at the time of their appointment and for the course of their term, possess the
9 following qualifications:

- 10 (a) A natural born citizen and resident of the Philippines;
- 11 (b) At least thirty-five (35) years of age;
- 12 (c) Possess good moral character;
- 13 (d) Hold a Doctorate Degree in Psychology with specialization in Clinical Psychology
14 and Psychometrics conferred by a university, college or school in the Philippines or
15 abroad duly recognized and/or accredited by the commission on Higher Education
16 (CHED);
- 17 (e) Have at least ten (10) years of practice in clinical psychology and psychometrics in a
18 duly recognized institution, clinic or center, as well as at least five (5) years of
19 teaching experience in the field of clinical psychology and psychometrics.
- 20 (f) A registered and licensed clinical psychologist, except in the case of the first
21 members of the Board who shall automatically be conferred a valid certificate of
22 registration and a valid professional identification card in clinical psychology and
23 psychometrics upon appointment to the Board;
- 24 (g) Is neither an officer, trustee nor member of the faculty of any university, college,
25 institute or school where a regular course in psychology is offered or taught or review
26 classes conducted , and shall not have any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any
27 such institution;

- 1 (h) Is not an officer, nor hold any position other than being a member , of the integrated
2 and accredited national organization of psychologists and psychometricians; and
3 (i) Shall not have been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude.
4

5 **SEC. 6. *Term of Office.*** – The members of the Board shall hold office for a term of three
6 (3) years or until their successors shall have been appointed and duly qualified. Each member of
7 the Board may be reappointed for one (1) full term of three (3) years. The first members of the
8 Board may be reappointed for one (1) full term of three (3) years. The first member of the Board
9 shall hold office for the following terms: the Chairperson for three (3) years: one member for two
10 (2) years; and the other member for one (1) year, which shall be specified in their respective
11 appointments. Any vacancy occurring within the term of a member shall be filled for the
12 unexpired portion of the term only. Each member of the Board shall qualify by taking the proper
13 oath prior to the performance of his/her duties.
14

15 **SEC. 7. *Powers and Duties.*** – *The Board shall have the following powers and duties:*

- 16 (a) Administer and implement the provisions of this Act and promulgate as well as
17 revise or update, as necessary, rules and regulations, resolutions and guidelines
18 hereto, *Provided*, that the policies, resolutions, rules and regulations issued or
19 promulgated by the Board shall be subject to review and approval of the
20 Commission;
- 21 (b) Supervise and monitor the registration, licensure and practice of clinical
22 psychologists and psychometricians in the Philippines;
- 23 (c) Issue, and upon compliance with due process requirements suspend or revoke,
24 and/or reinstate, the certificate of registration and professional identification card
25 for clinical psychologists and psychometricians;
- 26 (d) Adopt an official seal of the Board;

- 1 (e) Monitor the conditions and circumstances affecting the practice of clinical
2 *psychology and psychometrics in the Philippines* and adopt such measures as
3 may be deemed lawful and proper for the enhancement and maintenance of high
4 professional, ethical and technical standards of the profession;
- 5 (f) Issue permits to and exercise visitorial powers over agencies, institutions,
6 associations, corporations and partnerships to verify that the persons practicing
7 clinical psychology and psychometrics therein are clinical psychologists and
8 psychometricians with valid certificates of registration and valid professional
9 identification cards, and that they possess the necessary accreditation, skills
10 and/or facilities to competently carrying out their functions;
- 11 (g) Assist the Commission in the formulation and implementation of the guidelines
12 on continuing professional education for clinical psychologists and
13 psychometricians;
- 14 (h) Ensure, in coordination with the CHED, that all educational institutions offering
15 the course/program of clinical psychology and psychometrics strictly comply with
16 the policies, standards and requirements prescribed by CHED for such
17 course/program, especially in the areas of administration, curriculum, faculty,
18 library and facilities;
- 19 (i) Prepare, adopt, issue and amend, in consultation with CHED, syllabi for the
20 licensure examination subjects;
- 21 (j) Investigate and, when warranted, hear administrative cases involving violations of
22 this Act, its implementing rules and regulations as hereinafter promulgated, and
23 any applicable code of ethics and/or code of professional standards. For this
24 purpose, it may issue *subpoena* and *subpoena duces tecum* to secure the
25 appearances of witnesses and the production of documents in connection
26 therewith: *Provided*, that the Board's decision, resolution or orders rendered in
27 administrative cases shall be subject to review only on appeal;

1 (k) Perform such other functions and duties as may be lawfully delegated to it, or as it
2 may deem necessary to carry out the objectives of this Act.
3

4 **SEC. 8. *Compensation and Allowances.*** – The Chairperson and members of the Board
5 shall receive the same compensation and allowances as those received by the Chairperson and
6 members of the existing regulatory boards under the Commission, as provided in the charter of
7 the Commission and in the General Appropriations Act.
8

9 **SEC. 9. *Removal or Suspension of Members of the Professional Regulatory Board of***
10 ***Clinical Psychology and Psychometrics.*** – Any member of the Board may, upon the
11 recommendation of the Commission upon observance of due process and completion of the
12 proper investigation, be suspended or removed by the President from office for cause, such as
13 gross neglect of duty, incompetence, malpractice, behavior unbecoming of a medical
14 professional, immorality, unethical or dishonorable conduct, final conviction of any crime
15 involving moral turpitude, any act of graft and corruption, and participation in the manipulation
16 of or any dishonestly relative to the licensure examinations and/or the registration process.
17

18 **SEC. 10. *Administrative Supervision over the Board, custodian of its Records,***
19 ***Secretariat and Support Services.*** – The Board shall be under the administrative supervision and
20 control of the Commission. All records of the Board including documents relative to the
21 licensure examinations as well as administrative and other investigative cases conducted by the
22 Board, shall be kept in the custody of the Commission. The Commission shall designate the
23 Secretary of the Board and shall provide the Secretariat with necessary support services to
24 effectively implement the provisions of this Act.
25

26 ARTICLE V

27 LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS

1 **SEC. 11. *Examinations Required.*** – All applicants for registration to practice clinical
2 psychology and psychometrics shall be required to pass a licensure examination for clinical
3 psychologists and psychometricians to be conducted by the Commission.

4
5 **SEC. 12. *Qualifications for the Licensure Examination Psychologist.*** – Any person
6 may apply to take the examination for registration and licensure as a clinical psychologist after
7 furnishing evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

- 8 (a) is a Filipino citizen of a foreign state/country which extends reciprocity to the
9 Philippines relative to the practice of the profession;
- 10 (b) holds at least a Master’s degree in Psychology with specialization in clinical
11 psychology, conferred by a university, college or school in the Philippines or
12 abroad recognized/accredited by the CHED;
- 13 (c) has supervised and/or conducted a minimum of five hundred (500) hours of
14 clinical experience under the auspices of a licensed clinical psychologist or
15 psychiatrist
- 16 (d) is of good moral character; and
- 17 (e) has not been convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude.

18
19 **SEC. 13. *Qualifications of Applicants for the Licensure Examination for***
20 ***Psychometricians.*** – Any person may apply to take the examination for registration and licensure
21 as psychometrician by furnishing evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

- 22 (a) is a Filipino citizen or a citizen of a foreign state/country which extends
23 reciprocity to the Philippines relative to the practice of the profession
- 24 (b) holds at least a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology conferred by a university,
25 college or school in the Philippines or abroad recognized /accredited by the
26 CHED and has obtained sufficient credits for the subjects covered in the
27 examination;

- 1 (c) is of good moral character; and
- 2 (d) has not been convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude.

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4 **SEC. 14. Examination Subjects for Clinical Psychologists.** – The licensure examination
5 for clinical psychologists shall cover the following subjects:

- 6 (a) Research and Quantitative Analysis
- 7 (b) Advanced Psychometrics and Projective Techniques
- 8 (c) Advanced Counseling Techniques and Psychotherapy
- 9 (d) Advanced Clinical Psychology
- 10 (e) Advanced Abnormal Psychology and Psychopathology

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12 **SEC. 15. Examination Subject for Psychometricians.** – The licensure examinations for
13 psychometricians shall cover the following subjects:

- 14 (a) Theories of Personality
- 15 (b) Development Psychology
- 16 (c) General Psychology
- 17 (d) Psychological Testing/Psychometrics
- 18 (e) Behavioral Statistics

19

20 **SEC. 16. Registration without Examination for Clinical Psychologists.** – A person who
21 possesses the qualifications required to take the examination for registration as a clinical
22 psychologist pursuant to the provisions of this Act may be registered without examination:
23 *Provided,* that the applicant files with the Board within three (3) years after its creation an
24 application for registration and issuance of certificate of registration and professional
25 identification card by submitting credentials satisfactory to the Board that the applicant had, prior
26 to the effectivity of this Act, fulfilled the requirements under either subparagraph (1) or (2)
27 herein:

- 1 (1) Obtained a doctoral degree in Psychology with concentration in Clinical
2 Psychology and had accumulated a minimum of either:
3 a. three (3) years of teaching experience in the field of clinical psychology, or
4 b. three (3) years of work experience in the practice of clinical psychology in the
5 Philippines
- 6 (2) Obtained a masteral degree in Psychology with concentration in Clinical and
7 accumulated a minimum of either:
8 a. five (5) years of teaching experience in the field of clinical psychology, or
9 b. five (5) years of teaching experience in the practice of clinical psychology in
10 the Philippines

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12 **SEC. 17. *Registration without Examination for Psychometricians.*** – A person who
13 possesses the qualifications required to take the examination for registration and professional
14 identification card by submitting credentials satisfactory to the Board that the applicant before
15 the effectivity of this Act had obtained a bachelor’s degree in Psychology and had accumulated a
16 minimum of five (5) years teaching experience in psychology courses including a minimum of
17 either two (2) academic semesters conducting psychological testing or two (2) years full time
18 work experience in the practice of psychometrics in the Philippines.

19

20 **SEC. 18. *Ratings in the Examination.*** – To be qualified as having passed the licensure
21 examination for clinical psychologists and psychometricians, a candidate must have obtained a
22 weighted general average of at least seventy-five percent (75%) for all subjects, with no grade
23 lower than sixty percent (60%) in any given subject. An examinee who obtains a weighted
24 general average of seventy-five percent (75%) or higher but obtains a rating below sixty percent
25 (60%) in any given subject, may re-take such subject or subjects within the next two (2) years and
26 upon obtaining a rating of at least seventy-five percent (75%) in each such subject, shall then be
27 deemed to have passed the licensure examination.

1 **SEC. 22. *Disclosure of Registration Information.*** – The clinical psychologist or
2 psychometrician shall be required to indicate his/her registration and professional identification
3 card number and date of issuance, the duration of validity, including the professional tax receipt
4 number on each document signed, used, or issued in connection with the practice of his/her
5 profession.

6
7 **SEC. 23. *Non-issuance of Certificate of Registration and Professional Identification***
8 ***Card.*** – The Board shall not register nor issue a certificate of registration or professional
9 identification card to any person convicted of a criminal offense involving moral turpitude, has
10 been found guilty by a judicial or other duly constituted tribunal of immoral or dishonorable
11 conduct, or has been medically diagnosed to be of unsound mind. In the event of non-issuance of
12 the certificate for any reason, the Board shall furnish the applicant a written statement setting
13 forth the reasons for such denial, which statement shall be incorporated to the records of the
14 Board.

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16 **SEC. 24. *Foreign Reciprocity.*** – No foreigner shall be admitted to the Clinical
17 Psychology or Psychometrics licensure examinations unless he/she proves that the country of
18 which he/she is a citizen either.

19 (1) Admits Filipino citizens to the practice of clinical psychology or psychometrics
20 without need for registration and issuance of a certificate of
21 registration/professional identification card.

22 (2) Allows Filipino citizens to practice the same after an examination in terms of
23 strict and absolute equality with nationals of said country.

24
25 **SEC. 25. *Practice through Special Temporary Permit.*** – Special temporary permits may
26 be issued by the Board, subject to the approval by the Commission and payment of appropriate
27 fees, to the following persons:

1 (1) Licensed clinical psychologists or psychometricians from foreign countries/states
2 who are internationally acknowledged specialists or outstanding experts in
3 clinical psychology or psychometrics: *Provided*, That their services are important
4 and necessary either due to the lack or inadequacy of available local
5 specialists/experts or in recognition of their potential contribution to the
6 promotion/advancement of the practice of clinical psychology or psychometrics
7 through transfer of technology;

8 (2) Licensed clinical psychologists or psychometricians from foreign countries/states
9 whose services shall be free and offered exclusively to indigent patients in a
10 particular hospital, center, or clinic; and

11 (3) Licensed clinical psychologists or psychometricians from foreign countries/states
12 employed as exchange professors to teach clinical psychology or psychometrics in
13 schools, colleges, universities offering clinical psychology or psychometrics
14 courses or programs.

15 The permit shall detail the conditions thereof which shall, among other things, include the
16 effectivity period of not more than one (1) year subject to renewal, and the specific place of
17 practice such as the clinical, hospital, center, school, college or university offering the course of
18 clinical psychology or psychometrics. The Board, subject to the approval by the Commission,
19 shall prescribe rules and regulations on the implementation of this particular section.

20

21 **SEC. 26. *Suspension or Revocation of Certificate of Registration and Professional***
22 ***Identification Card or Cancellation of a Special Temporary Permit.*** – The Board shall have the
23 power, after notice and hearing, to suspend or revoke the certificate of registration and
24 professional identification card or to cancel special temporary permits granted pursuant to this
25 Act on any ground set forth in Section 30 of this Act or any of the instances hereunder.

26 (a) Procurement of a certificate of registration and/or professional identification card,
27 or special temporary permit by fraud or deceit

- 1 (b) Allowing an unqualified person to advertise or to practice the profession by using
2 one's certificate of registration or professional identification card or special
3 temporary permit
- 4 (c) Violating or conspiring to violate any of the provisions of this Act, its
5 implementing rules and regulations, the code of ethics or code of professional
6 standards promulgated hereinafter by the Board
- 7 (d) Manifest physical or mental incompetence to render psychological services with
8 reasonable skill and safety to his/her clients/patients
- 9 (e) Professional misconduct or negligence in the performance of duties as a clinical
10 psychologist or psychometrician
- 11 (f) Engaging in the practice of the profession during the period of one's suspension.
12

13 **SEC. 27. Reinstatement.** – A clinical psychologist or psychometrician whose certificate
14 of registration has been revoked may apply to the Board for reinstatement at any time after two
15 (2) years from the date of revocation of said certificate. The application shall be in writing and
16 shall conform to requirements hereinafter prescribed by the Board. No certificate of registration
17 or professional identification card shall be reinstated unless the Board is satisfied or professional
18 identification card shall ne reinstated unless the Board is satisfied that a good cause exists to
19 warrant such reinstatement.

20 Issuance of a new certificate of registration or professional identification card, or special
21 temporary permit in lieu of one that has been lost, destroyed, or mutilated shall be subject to
22 applicable rules prescribed by the Commission.
23

24 **SEC. 28. Appeal from Judgment.** – The decision of the Board shall *ipso facto* become
25 final fifteen (15) days from receipt of the decision by the respondent unless an appeal has been
26 filed with the Commission within the same period. The Commission's decision on appeal may be
27 further appealed before the Court of Appeals within fifteen (15) days from receipt thereof.

1 **SEC. 32. Prohibited Acts. –**

2 (1) No person shall:

3 (a) Engage in the practice of clinical psychology or psychometrics nor represent
4 himself/herself as a clinical psychologist or psychometrician without a valid
5 certificate of registration/valid professional identification card, or a valid special
6 temporary permit granted by the Board pursuant to this Act.

7 (b) Represent himself/herself to be in licensed and authorized clinical psychologist or
8 psychometrician during the time that his/her certificate of registration has been
9 suspended or revoked or professional identification card without being renewed,
10 or special temporary permit cancelled

11 (c) Allow any other person to use his/her certificate of registration and professional
12 identification card or special temporary permit for any purpose, regardless of
13 whether such act actually enables the unqualified individual to engage in the
14 practice of clinical psychology or psychometrics

15 (d) Use, exhibit, and/or misrepresent as his/her own the certificate of registration
16 and/or professional identification card or special temporary permit of another

17 (e) Give any false, inaccurate, misleading, or incomplete information to the Board in
18 order to obtain a certificate of registration or professional identification card or
19 special temporary permit

20 (2) No corporation, partnership, association, or entity shall operate a clinical psychology or
21 psychometrics office, center, clinic, or otherwise engage in the practice or allow the
22 practice within its premises of clinical psychology or psychometrics, without securing a
23 permit therefor from the Board. Such permit shall be issued only after the Board is
24 satisfied that such establishment is competently staffed by a clinical psychologist and
25 psychometrician and equipped with sufficient and adequate clinical psychology and
26 psychometrics instruments and facilities.

1 (3) A violation of any provision of this Act or of its implementing rules and regulations shall
2 be penalized accordingly.

3
4 **SEC. 33. *Penalties.*** – Any person who violates any provision of this Act or its
5 implementing rules and regulations shall be punished with imprisonment of not less than six (6)
6 months but not more than three (3) years, or a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos
7 (P10,000.00) but not more than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00), or both, at the
8 discretion of the Court.

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10 **SEC. 34. *Injunction.*** – The Board may initiate action to enjoin, restrain, and/or prosecute
11 any individual, corporation, association, partnership, or entity engaging in the practice of clinical
12 psychology and psychometrics in violation of this Act.

13
14 **SEC. 35. *Funding Provision.*** – The Chairperson of the Commission shall immediately
15 hereinafter include in the Commission’s programs the prompt implementation of this Act,
16 funding of which shall be provided for in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

17
18 **SEC. 36. *Enforcement.*** – It shall be the duty of all duly constituted law enforcement
19 agencies and officers of national, provincial, city, or municipal governments to uphold and
20 enforce the provisions of this Act and to investigate and prosecute or cause the investigation and
21 prosecution of any person violating the same.

22
23 **SEC. 37. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days after the
24 constitution of the Board, it shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations,
25 subject to approval of the Commission, to implement the provisions of this Act.

1 **SEC. 38. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act shall at any time be found to
2 be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder thereof not affected by such declaration shall
3 remain in full force and effect.

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5 **SEC. 39. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, rules or regulations inconsistent with
6 the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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8 **SEC. 40. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following
9 its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,