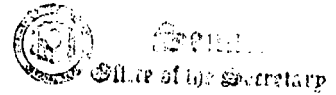


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AN ACT  
AMENDING *REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10912*, OR THE  
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ACT OF 2016”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The *Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016 (CPD Act)* was enacted with the intention of improving the competence and ensuring the growth of all professionals in our country. In the two years since the law’s enactment, however, there have been numerous complaints from professionals in various sectors—architects, real estate brokers, teachers, nurses—regarding the onerous requirements imposed by the Philippine Regulatory Commission (PRC) and the Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs). One poll conducted by the PRC itself showed that 95% of the professionals surveyed favored the law’s complete repeal.<sup>1</sup>

In view of these continuous complaints, this bill amends the law by inserting limits on the requirements that may be imposed on

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<sup>1</sup> SUNSTAR PHILIPPINES, “Anti-CPD professionals give 95% vote for repeal,” April 21, 2018, available at: <http://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/419610/>.

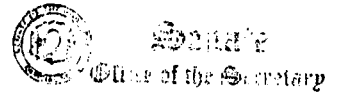
professionals who are required to comply with Continuing Professional Development (CPD). First, newly-minted professionals are exempt from CPD compliance for the first five years after obtaining their licenses. Second, no professionals shall be required to obtain the necessary credits more than once every five years. Third, in no case may the PRC or PRBs require more than thirty-six (36) credits for each compliance period. Fourth, failure to comply with CPD shall only be basis to deny renewal of a license after the lapse of the five-year compliance period.

Acquiring a professional license is an arduous process that involves years of study and having to hurdle difficult exams. The *CPD Act* was intended to keep our professionals updated and their skills sharp. It was never Congress' intention to make it unduly burdensome for them to practice their professions. While the PRC has attempted to review the implementation of the law several times, it is apparent that unless limits are inserted into the law itself, there is no assurance that the main complaints—unreasonable credit requirements, the burden on time and money—will be adequately addressed.

For the foregoing reasons, speedy passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

  
**AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III**

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

1        **SECTION 1.** — *Section 10 of Republic Act No. 10912 (R.A.*  
2 *10912) is hereby amended to read as follows:*

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4        “SEC. 10. *CPD as Mandatory Requirement in the Renewal of*  
5 *Professional License and Accreditation System for the*  
6 *Practice of Professions.* — The CPD is hereby made as a  
7 mandatory requirement in the renewal of the PICs of all  
8 registered and licensed professionals under the regulation of  
9 the PRC[.]; **PROVIDED, THAT: REGISTERED AND**  
10 **LICENSED PROFESSIONALS ARE EXEMPTED**  
11 **FROM COMPLIANCE WITHIN THE FIRST FIVE**  
12 **YEARS AFTER FIRST OBTAINING THEIR**  
13 **LICENSES; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT: FAILURE**  
14 **TO COMPLY WITH CPD SHALL ONLY BE BASIS TO**  
15 **DENY RENEWAL OF PICS AFTER THE LAPSE OF**

1           **THE COMPLIANCE PERIOD PROVIDED IN THIS**  
2           **ACT.”**

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4           **SEC. 2.** — Two new sections are hereby inserted after *Section 13*  
5 of *R.A. 10912*, which shall read as follows:  
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7           **“SEC. 13-A. — IN NO CASE SHALL PROFESSIONALS**  
8           **BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN CPD CREDITS MORE**  
9           **OFTEN THAN ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS, WHICH**  
10           **SHALL BE DEEMED ONE COMPLIANCE PERIOD.**

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12           **SEC. 13-B. — IN NO CASE SHALL PROFESSIONALS**  
13           **BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN MORE THAN THIRTY-**  
14           **SIX (36) CPD CREDITS WITHIN EACH FIVE-YEAR**  
15           **COMPLIANCE PERIOD.”**

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17           **SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** — Within sixty  
18 (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Philippine Regulatory  
19 Commission, in coordination with the Professional Regulatory Boards,  
20 Accredited Integrated Professional Organizations or Accredited  
21 Professional Organizations in all professions, and all stakeholders, shall  
22 promulgate the rules and regulations to effectively implement the  
23 provisions of this Act.  
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25           **SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.*** — If any provision of this Act, or  
26 part thereof, is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or  
27 any provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.  
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29           **SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.*** — Any law, presidential decree or  
30 issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, or rule or regulation, or  
31 part thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby  
32 repealed or modified accordingly.  
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1           **SEC 6. *Effectivity Clause.*** — This Act shall take effect fifteen  
2 (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or two (2)  
3 newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*