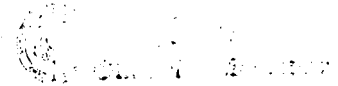


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Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" A. Aquino IV

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10912, OR THE *CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL*
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016

1 **WHEREAS,** Republic Act No. 10912, or the "Continuing Professional
2 Development Act of 2016," was enacted into law on July 21, 2016, as adherence to
3 the policy of the State in promoting and upgrading the practice of professions in the
4 country;

5 **WHEREAS,** Republic Act No. 10912 sought to facilitate the continuous
6 enhancement of the competence of professionals in accordance with the
7 international standards of practice, ensuring their contribution in uplifting the
8 general welfare, economic growth and development of the nation;

9 **WHEREAS,** the said law mandates all professionals to undergo learning
10 activities, from structured to non-structured undertakings, through Continuing
11 Professional Development (CPD) Programs. Such activities shall be required to renew
12 their Professional Identification Card;

13 **WHEREAS,** continuing education is key to creating more opportunities for
14 growth and development for professionals, thereby enriching not only the individual
15 but also his or her chosen field;

16 **WHEREAS**, despite the good intentions of the CPD law, it was reported that
17 many concerns were raised by the stakeholders, including engineers, architects,
18 doctors, teachers and nurses, regarding its implementation;

19 **WHEREAS**, in July 2017, it was reported that 43,000 professionals signed an
20 online petition to the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) seeking to revisit
21 the requirements for renewing their licenses under the said law, which they
22 considered costly and time consuming. Moreover, some professionals viewed the
23 CPD seminars as counterproductive since paid CPD seminars rarely catered to their
24 specialization;

25 **WHEREAS**, the issue of affordability and accessibility of CPD Programs,
26 specifically for lower-income earners and migrant workers, was also raised in a
27 Rappler article dated February 9, 2018. Several struggling professionals featured in
28 the article noted that earning CPD units has become an additional burden to their
29 families due to expensive trainings and seminars offered by a limited number of
30 accredited CPD providers;

31 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to assess the implementation of the law, its
32 guidelines and procedures, and to identify possible solutions to address the
33 challenges faced by Filipino professionals;

34 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the
35 Senate of the Philippines, to direct the appropriate Committee to conduct an inquiry,
36 in aid of legislation, on the implementation of Republic Act No. 10912, or the
37 'Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016.'

Adopted,

