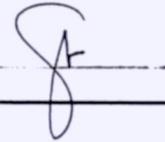


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**AN ACT  
REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10912, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
"CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016"**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Act lapsed into law on 21 July 2016, mandating and strengthening the Continuing Professional Development Program for all regulated professions. Under the law, the CPD is made a mandatory requirement for the renewal of Professional Identification Cards, with each professional given three years to complete the required credit units ranging from 15 or 45 for some professionals to as high as 120 for certified public accountants.

Since its implementation, which started on 15 March 2017 upon the effectivity of the law's Implementing Rules and Regulations, the new system has been drawing the ire of Professional Regulation Commission-registered and -licensed professionals who have described the CPD as costly, unrealistic and ineffective. Reports abound of professionals having to travel to various points of the country just to attend seminars and training courses that would earn them only about one-third of the required credit units, and in some cases, the overall cost, which covers registration fees, airfare and accommodation, reach as high as 20,000 pesos. In addition to this, there are also claims that some seminars and training courses turn out to be unrelated to the field of expertise of the attendees. Hence, it defeats the purpose of the law, and attendance to such activities becomes more for compliance rather than for continuing professional development.

While we support the continued growth and development of our more than four million registered Filipino professionals, we also acknowledge the burden that this system is imposing on them, most especially on the minimum wage earners and Overseas Filipino Workers.

In 2019, the Professional Regulation Commission issued Resolution No. 1146, which temporarily relaxes the requirements found under the law. However, we recognize that these adjustments will only be in effect during the transitory period, which shall expire upon completion of the antecedents as enumerated in the said resolution.

This bill seeks to permanently address the abovementioned issues by repealing Republic Act No. 10912, otherwise known as the "Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016."

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

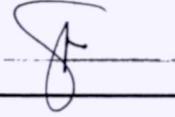
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1        **SECTION 1.** Republic Act No. 10912 or the "Continuing Professional  
2 Development Act of 2016" is hereby repealed.

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4        **SEC. 2.** All laws, executive orders, resolutions, or rules and regulations or parts  
5 thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified  
6 accordingly.

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8        **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
9 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*