

The new period for renewal is actually not foreign as regards to validity of professional licenses. In fact, maritime professionals who are covered by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), enjoy a five-year validity of their Professional License ID under MARINA rules upon their compliance with the Standards of Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW).

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


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1 Sec. 5. *Prevention of alteration or falsification.* – The PRC shall use such
2 processes and adopt such measures as will prevent any alteration or falsification of a
3 PRC ID or will enable the PRC to detect any unauthorized PRC ID.

4 Sec. 6. *Operationalization.* – In order to operationalize the provisions of this
5 Act, the Information and Communications Technology (ICTS) and other concerned
6 offices/divisions of the PRC shall complete the necessary systems enhancement and
7 other administrative processes, including the finalization of the revised assessment of
8 annual registration fees within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act.

9 Sec. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
10 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise
11 affected shall remain in full force and effect.

12 Sec. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
13 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or
14 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended
15 accordingly.

16 Sec. 9. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
17 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,