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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 8981, otherwise known as the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Modernization Act of 2000, repealed Presidential Decree No. 223 which created the PRC. However, under RA 8981, the PRC still has no power of control and/or supervision over review centers, organizations, or entities.

Some review centers have made education a lucrative business associated with anomalous deals or transactions. Any group of people can just put up a review center at anytime without any restriction. Hence, the competence and integrity of the reviewers do not pass the scrutiny of any government office. This being so, it is not very surprising that we have sub-standard review centers.

The purpose of this bill is to amend RA 8981 to grant additional powers to the PRC. Under this bill, the PRC shall have the power to license, regulate and supervise review centers, organizations or entities offering review classes in preparation for examinations it administers. This bill seeks to amend RA 8981 for the purpose of granting additional powers to the PRC. Under this bill, the PRC shall have the power to license, regulate and supervise review centers, organizations, or entities offering review classes in preparation for examinations it administers. The proposed amendment could minimize, if not stop, alleged irregularities being perpetrated by some review centers and will limit the number of review centers which shall meet the requirements prescribed by PRC.

Accordingly, the urgent passage of this bill is hereby recommended.


  
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**AN ACT GRANTING THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
COMMISSION THE POWER TO LICENSE, REGULATE AND  
SUPERVISE ALL REVIEW CENTERS, ORGANIZATIONS OR  
ENTITIES OFFERING REVIEW CLASSES IN PREPARATION  
FOR EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSION,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 7 OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8981**

Be<sup>it</sup> enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
Philippines in congress assembled:

Section 1. Section 7 of Republic Act 8981 is hereby amended by  
adding a new subsection after subsection y to be denominated as  
subsection z, to read as follows:

“Section 7. *Powers, Functions and Responsibilities  
of the Commission* - The powers, functions, and  
responsibilities of the Commission are as follows:

xxx                      xxx                      xxx

z) TO ISSUE LICENSE OR PERMIT TO OPERATE,  
REGULATE AND SUPERVISE REVIEW CENTERS,  
ORGANIZATIONS OR ENTITIES OFFERING REVIEW  
CLASSES IN PREPARATION FOR EXAMINATIONS  
ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSION”.

Section 2. The Professional Regulation Commission shall issue  
the necessary rules and regulations to implement effectively the  
provisions of this Act.

Section 3. All review centers, organizations or entities offering  
classes in preparation for examinations administered by the Commission  
shall apply for and secure their licenses or permits to operate within sixty  
(60) days after the issuance by the Professional Regulation Commission  
of the implementing rules and regulations.

Section 4. Any law, decree, order, rule or regulation or part thereof  
which is inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed or modified  
accordingly.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
complete publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,