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House Bill No. 980



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Introduced by **Rep. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA**  
2<sup>nd</sup> District, Ilocos Norte

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***EXPLANATORY NOTE***

This bill seeks to extend the validity of the Professional Identification Card (PIC) and Certification of Recognition under the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) from the current period of three (3) years to five (5) years.

The PIC is a valid government-issued ID that serves not only as a proof of eligibility or legal authority of a person to practice a profession, but also as a documentary proof that can be used in transactions in government agencies, banks, and other institutions that require presenting a government-issued ID for identification, authentication, and verification.

By extending the validity of the PICs and Certifications of Recognition to two (2) more years from the present period of validity, it will further help Filipino professionals to practice their profession efficiently and effectively. It will likewise reduce the expenses of the renewal process and therefore, professionals will have longer time to comply with other requirements needed for their continuity in service and professional development.

On behalf of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Ilocos Norte, and for the greater benefit of the Filipino people, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF THE PROFESSIONAL**  
**REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC)-ISSUED PROFESSIONAL**  
**IDENTIFICATION CARD (PIC) AND CERTIFICATE OF**  
**REGISTRATION UNDER LAWS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF**  
**PROFESSIONALS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

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

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as “PRC ID and Certification Validity Extension Act.”

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby a declared policy of the State, as enshrined in the Constitution, to sustain the development of a reservoir of national talents consisting of Filipino scientists, entrepreneurs, professionals, managers, high-level technical manpower and skilled workers and craftsmen in all fields.

**SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.** – As used in this Act:

- (a) *Professional* - a person competent, skilled, or qualified in a profession;
- (b) *Professional Regulation Commission (PRC)* – a government agency mandated to implement, administer, and enforce regulatory laws and policies for various regulated professions in the Philippines;
- (c) *Certificate of Registration* – an official document showing a licensed professional’s legal authority to perform or practice the profession.

**SECTION 4. Validity of Professional Identification Card (PIC) and Certification of Registration issued.** – This Act hereby extends to five (5) years:

- a. The validity of the PIC issued and renewed by the Professional, and;

- b. The Certificate of Registration of every professional found to meet all the requirements for registration of a professional under laws governing the practice of professionals in the Philippines.

**SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.*** - Any provision of law, decree, order, rule or regulation inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 7. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,