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HOUSE BILL NO. 3183



Introduced by REP. EMILIO BERNARDINO L. YULO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Professional Identification Card (PIC) issued by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) is a valid government-issued identification document that certifies an individual's eligibility and legal authority to practice a regulated profession in the Philippines. Beyond its primary function, the PIC also serves as an essential documentary requirement in various official transactions with government agencies, financial institutions, and private entities requiring authentication and verification of identity.

PICs are granted only to individuals who have fulfilled all legal and procedural requirements, including the successful completion of licensure examinations. These cards affirm the holder's registration and licensure as a professional. However, the current three-year validity of the PIC often proves insufficient, particularly for active professionals who continue to render services even while awaiting the renewal or reissuance of their identification.

This bill seeks to extend the validity of PRC-issued Professional Identification Cards and Certifications of Recognition from three (3) years to five (5) years. The proposed extension aims to reduce the frequency of renewals, easing the administrative load on both professionals and the PRC. By spreading out renewal periods, this measure will lessen congestion in processing centers, reduce waiting times, and streamline the overall licensing process.

Extending the PIC's validity will also generate practical benefits for Filipino professionals, including lower transaction costs, increased convenience, and uninterrupted practice of their profession. Notably, this measure does not affect the collection of initial registration or annual renewal fees, thereby ensuring that the PRC continues to generate revenue without loss.

Ultimately, this proposed amendment will strengthen the country's regulatory framework for licensed professionals while enhancing service delivery and professional efficiency through reduced bureaucratic requirements.

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


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**AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC)-ISSUED PROFESSIONAL
IDENTIFICATION CARDS (PICs) IN ACCORDANCE WITH 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 the "PRC ID Validity Extension Act".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of State 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.

SEC. 3. *Coverage.* This Act shall cover and apply to all licensed professionals whose licenses and/or certifications are covered and issued by the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC).

SEC. 4. *Extension of New Validity Period of Professional Identification Card.* All Professional Identification Cards (PICs) issued by the PRC shall be extended from three (3) years to five (5) years, subject to compliance with all the legal and procedural requirements for its issuance. The new validity period will not affect the initial registration fee and the annual renewal fees imposed upon by the PRC.

SEC. 5. *Validity of Professional Identification Card.* This Act hereby extends to five (5) years the validity of the PICs issued and renewed by professionals who are found to meet all the requirements for registration of a professional under laws governing the practice of professionals in the Philippines.

SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The Secretary of Department of Labor and Employment, upon the recommendation of the Professional Regulation Commission Chairperson, shall, within sixty (60) days from effectivity of this Act, promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act are hereby repealed or modified.

SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the concerned government agencies. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* In the event that any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by such declaration.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,