



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 3428



Introduced by

HON. REPRESENTATIVE LAARNI LAVIN ROQUE
4TH DISTRICT, BUKIDNON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Professional Identification Card (PIC) issued by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) is a valid government-issued ID that serves as a documentary proof of eligibility or legal authority of the holder to practice a profession. It is also highly recognized and accepted as proof of a person's identity when engaging in transactions with government agencies, banks, and other institutions that require presenting a government-issued ID for identification, authentication, and verification.

This bill seeks to extend the validity of the Professional Identification Card under the PRC across all currently regulated professions from the present period of three (3) years to five (5) years.

By extending the validity of the PICs to two (2) more years from the present period of validity, it will help Filipino professionals to practice their profession assured of longer continuity in service and professional development prior to renewals. It will likewise reduce the expenses and administrative burdens of the renewal process which can then be simplified as a result of lesser frequency of undergoing the process.

It should be noted that the purpose of the proposed measure is in line with the similar extension of the validity period of the Philippine passport from five (5) to ten (10) years as provided for in Republic Act No. 10928, and that of a Philippine driver's license also from five (5) years to ten (10) years under Republic Act No. 10930.

In sum, through the validity extension of the PRC licenses, the practice of professions in the Philippines will be strengthened and professionals can benefit from greater convenience, and ultimately contribute to the overall improvement of professional standards and service delivery in the country.

This bill was passed on 3rd Reading in the 19th Congress and transmitted to the Senate for its concurrence but was not enacted into law due to lack of material time.

On the following premises, the immediate consideration and passage of this bill is earnestly urged.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A FIVE-YEAR VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE
PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS OF ALL PROFESSIONAL
UNDER THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION

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

Section 1. All Professional Identification Cards (PICs) issued by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) shall be valid for five (5) years, subject to the compliance with all the legal and procedural requirements for its issuance.

Section 2. In order to operationalize the provisions of this Act, the Information and Communication Technology Service (ICTS) and other concerned offices/divisions of the PRC shall complete the necessary systems enhancement (Licensure Examination Registration Information System or the LERIS) and other administrative processes, including the finalization of the revised assessment of annual registration fees within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act.

Section 3. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected are in full force and effect.

Section 4. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.