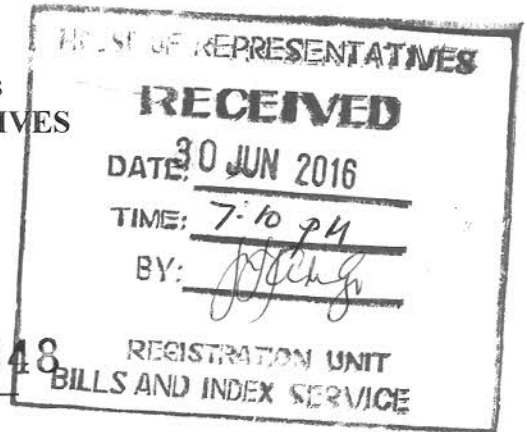


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 1995, then-President Fidel V. Ramos signed Executive Order No. 266 into law. The E.O. institutionalized the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) programs of the various professional regulatory boards in the Philippines under the supervision of the Professional Regulation Commission or PRC. It specifically required the completion of the requirements of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) program as a condition for the renewal of the licenses of professionals in the country.

This provision was repealed by the PRC Modernization Act of 2000.

The repeal is unfortunate in that it ignores the importance of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) programs in ensuring that the skills and know-how of our professionals are constantly upgraded and updated. In this world of fast-paced research and technological advances, it is imperative that professionals must always keep abreast of developments in their respective fields. CPE programs are the most effective way to do this and guarantees more reliable and quality professional service for our people. Therefore, the restoration of the CPE requirement as a condition for the renewal of professional licenses is needed more than ever.

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


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AN ACT
IMPOSING THE COMPLETION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE) PROGRAMS ADOPTED BY
PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARDS AS A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT
FOR THE RENEWAL OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

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

SECTION 1. All professional regulatory boards (PRBs) under the supervision and control of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) shall adopt and institutionalize a Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Program for their respective professions;

SEC. 2. The completion of the requirements of the Continuing Professional Education Programs adopted by the PRBs shall be imposed as a mandatory requirement for the renewal of professional licenses;

SEC. 3. Repealing Clause – All laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, including Section 20 of Republic Act No. 8981 (The PRC Modernization Act of 2000) insofar as it withdrew completion of CPE requirements as a pre-requisite for the renewal of professional licenses, are deemed modified or repealed;

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,