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A RESOLUTION
URGING THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC) TO CONDUCT FUTURE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS, WHERE POSSIBLE, VIA COMPUTERIZED ADAPTIVE TESTING (CAT), AND BY INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENT IN THE NEAREST TESTING CENTER, USING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE U.S. NATIONAL COUNCIL LICENSURE EXAMINATION (NCLEX) FOR NURSES AS THE MODEL

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Duterte in his fifth State of the Nation Address directed all government agencies to digitize and adopt paperless transactions to avoid public queueing and gatherings amid the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) for years has been conducting professional licensure examinations by scheduling the tests annually or semi-annually in designated regional testing centers, where the examinees assemble in large numbers to simultaneously take the tests;

WHEREAS, several professional licensure examinations scheduled this year have been postponed due to the pandemic;

WHEREAS, the U.S. National Council of State Boards of Nursing Inc. administers the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for nurses in the following manner:

Step 1: The candidate applies online to take the examination;

Step 2: Once approved to take the examination, the candidate registers online and pays the registration fee also online to book a testing center and date; and

Step 3: The candidate takes the examination at the designated testing center on the pre-arranged date;

WHEREAS, the delays in the administration of various licensure examinations have held up the licensing of many professionals, including new doctors, nurses and medical technologists, badly needed to help the government fight the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the holdups have also stalled the licensing and gainful employment here at home and abroad of other professionals such as architects, engineers, and teachers, among others;

WHEREAS, how the U.S. NCLEX is being administered offers an efficient way for Filipino professionals to take their respective licensure examinations, and in fact, may be considered as the future pattern of all licensure examinations;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,
by the House of Representatives, to strongly urge the Professional Regulation
Commission (PRC) to conduct future professional licensure examinations, where
possible, through computerized adaptive testing (CAT), and by individual
appointment at the nearest testing center, using the administration of the U.S.
National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for nurses as the template.

Adopted,

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