

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3894



Introduced by: **HON. LORNA C. SILVERIO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Continuing Professional Development program was mandated and strengthened by virtue of Republic Act no. 10912 which lapsed into law on July 21, 2016 and eventually paved the way for guidelines and regulations for professionals. In essence, it was made a mandatory requirement for the renewal of Professional identification cards by the PRC and each professional is given three years to complete and earn the required units varying from a low of 15 units to as high as 120 for Certified Public Accountants.

In this regard, most of our Professional Regulation Commission registered and licensed professionals are having a hard time to comply with the law as defined further in the Internal Rules and Regulations last March 2017. They simply described the CPD as costly, unrealistic, and ineffective due to the fact that the professional is looking for compliance rather than for continuing professional development. There are reports of professionals having to travel to various points of the country just to attend seminars and training courses that would earn them only about one third of the required credit units, and in some cases, the overall cost, which covers registration fees, airfare and accomodation, reach as high as Php 20,000.00 pesos. There are also claims of some seminars and training courses turn out to be unrelated to the field of expertise of attendees.

There is indeed a burden imposed upon our Filipino professionals most especially on our minimum wage earners and Overseas Filipino Workers. While this representation agrees in principle that continued growth and development must be observed by our Filipino professionals, let not the law hamper the very essence and purpose of why it was created. While there are efforts to temporarily relax the requirements of the said law, (PRC Reso 1146 series of 2019) the effects of it are only on a temporary basis only.

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


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AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10912, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016”

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

SEC 1. Title. Republic Act No. 10912 or the “Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016” is hereby repealed.

SEC 2. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules and regulation, and other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly

SEC 9. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

Lorna C. Silverio