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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 7132

Introduced by ANG PROBINSYANO  
Party-List Representative Alfred Delos Santos

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10912, in its Section 2, set for itself the lofty goal of  
“promoting and upgrading the practices of professions in the country...in  
accordance with the international standards of practice, thereby, ensuring their  
contribution in uplifting the general welfare, economic growth  
and development of the nation.”

While this objective was in itself not objectionable, the unwieldy measures  
implemented for its attainment placed undue strain upon professionals. Various  
professional groups have thus come out in criticism of the said law—nurses;¹  
accountants;² and optometrists³.⁴

Among the concerns raised by stakeholders include the inaccessibility and  
affordability of PRC-accredited CPD providers especially among contractual  
professionals and those in remote areas, those who are unemployed,  
deremployed or receiving low wages.

Other groups have also complained about the lack of accredited CPD  
providers, which has limited their options to current providers—mostly private  
institutions and accredited integrated professional organizations (AIPOs)  
supposedly offering training and seminars with exorbitant fees.

¹Tina G. Santos, “Nurses slam new law on license renewal,” Inquirer, November 13, 2017,  
²Angelina Alejandrin, “CPD in the accountability profession,” Business Mirror, July 22, 2018,  
³Jocelyn R. Uy and Mariejo S. Ramos, “Optometrists cry foul over new requirements,” Inquirer,  
August 9, 2017, available at https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/921563/optometrists-cry-foul-over-
new-requirements.
⁴Jocelyn R. Uy, “PRC exercises ‘maximum flexibility’ on license renewal under CPD Act,”  
Inquirer, August 9, 2017, available at https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/921563/professional-
regulation-commission-continuing-professional-development-act-sen-antonio-trillanes-
iv#ixzz6Rnmzt1SM.
The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) has assured the public that it is "exercising ‘maximum flexibility’ on the renewal of licenses...to make it more accessible and affordable to Filipino professionals."\(^5\)

However, no substantial changes or improvements in the plight of the professionals seem to have come out of those promises.

And now, professionals cannot possibly be expected to deal with these problems in the wake of the lockdown over the COVID-19 pandemic, and the resultant disruption to their livelihoods (if not the loss of the same). Much less can this expectation be justly levelled at the health/medical industry’s professionals.

It is for the foregoing premises that the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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\(^5\) Id.
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AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10912, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE “CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT”

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

SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 10912, otherwise known as the “Continuing
Professional Development Act” is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. – All laws, executive orders, presidential
decrees or issuances, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules, and
regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
circulation.

Approved,