A Resolution

Directing the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, on the Lack of Foresight and Planning for the Scheduling of Exams Conducted by the Philippine Regulatory Commission

Whereas, COVID-19 and the consequent travel restrictions and the prohibition of mass gatherings has forced the Professional Regulation Commission to postpone numerous board examinations in 2020, with only the Physician Licensure Examinations pushing through;

Whereas, PRC has been recommended to prioritize examinations for medical and other health-related licensure examinations and other small-scale examinations involving more or less 1000 examinees.

Whereas, among the postponed examinations during the latter part of 2020 are the Certified Public Accountants Licensure Examination, Licensure Examination for Teachers, and the Civil Engineering Licensure Examination, all of which normally have more than 1000 examinees;

Whereas, PRC has been unable to give advanced notice to the examinees regarding the postponement of examination schedules, wherein most notices of cancellation are only given out a few weeks before the scheduled exam, to the inconvenience and difficulty of examinees;

Whereas, there are incidents of examinations being rescheduled for more than once, such as the Licensure Examination for Teachers which have already been postponed twice;

Whereas, the PRC cites “unpredictable circumstances and continued restrictions brought by the extended community quarantines” for the rescheduled examinations despite the situation having gotten better over the past few months;

Whereas, this Representation recognizes the effort and the struggle of examinees with the preparations for these examinations, with some needing to resign just to review and are now unable to make the proper preparations given the lack of foresight of the PRC;
WHEREAS, PRC should have exercised more restraint in scheduling examinations and accepting applications for examinations considering the continued implementation of community quarantine measures;

WHEREAS, it is unacceptable for the PRC to keep rescheduling examinations with only just a few weeks or a month notice for the postponement of professional examinations, especially considering the opportunity costs the preparations for exams entail for examinees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives direct the to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the lack of foresight and planning for the scheduling of exams conducted by the Philippine Regulatory Commission.

Adopted,

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