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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The existing Republic Act No. 4274 or the Mining Engineering Law, which was enacted in 1965, has become largely obsolete in the effective regulation of the practice of the Mining Engineering profession under present times. Hence, the urgent need to amend and update the same to be more realistic and relevant to current professional practice of Mining Engineers in the Philippines.

The proposed measure underscores the need to develop competent, virtuous, productive and well-rounded Mining Engineers whose standards of professional practice and service shall be excellent, qualitative, world-class and globally competitive through regulatory measures, programs and activities.

The increasing scope of application of the Mining Engineering profession now necessitates the need to re-define the practice of the said profession and establish the scope of the same. The advent of technology advancement in the mineral industry over the past three decades has led to the creation of various fields of expertise and specialization such as but not limited to computer applications, etc. Said technology has resulted to greater economic appreciation of laws and the need to effectively address the social concerns of local mining communities has become essential aspects of all mining and mineral processing professions and operations in the country. Effectively, the proposed bill is designed to create more job opportunities to Filipino Mining Engineers.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF MINING ENGINEERING IN THE**  
**PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT**  
**NUMBERED FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR**  
**(R.A. NO. 4274) , AS AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE**  
**"MINING ENGINEERING LAW OF THE PHILIPPINES", AND FOR**  
**OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**Article I**

**TITLE, STATEMENT OF POLICY, DEFINITION OF TERMS AND  
SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

**Section 1. Title** – This Act shall be known as the “Mining  
Engineering Act of 2019”.

**Sec. 2. Statement of Policy** – It is hereby declared the policy of  
the State to supervise and standardize the practice of Mining  
Engineering as it is vital to national development and to upgrade the  
quality of mining engineers in the Philippines whose standards of  
professional practice shall be excellent, world-class and globally  
competitive through regulatory measures, programs and activities.

**Sec. 3. Objectives** – This Act shall govern but shall not be  
limited to:

- 1 (a) the examination, registration, and licensure of professional  
2 mining engineers, mining engineers, and certified mine  
3 foremen;
- 4 (b) the supervision, control and regulation of the practice of  
5 mining engineering;
- 6 (c) the development and upgrading of the curriculum of the  
7 mining engineering profession;
- 8 (d) the promotion of the professional competence of mining  
9 engineers through continuing professional  
10 development/education; and
- 11 (e) the integration of the mining engineering profession.

12 **Sec. 4. Definition of Terms** – As used in this Act, the following  
13 terms shall mean as follows:

- 14 (a) “Practice of mining engineering” shall mean the rendering or  
15 offering of mining engineering services for a fee, salary,  
16 reward or compensation, paid to him/her or through another  
17 person or persons, or even without such reward or  
18 compensation.
- 19 (b) “Mine” shall mean all kinds of excavations and/or  
20 extractions aimed at extracting minerals/materials, energy  
21 resources or groundwater resources for beneficial usages in  
22 the context of responsible mining and sustainable  
23 development.
- 24 (c) “Mineral/ore resource” shall mean a concentration or  
25 occurrence of minerals/materials of intrinsic economic  
26 interest in or on the earth’s crust in such form and quantity  
27 that there are reasonable prospects for eventual economic  
28 extraction.
- 29 (d) “Mineral/ore reserve” shall mean that portion of a mineral  
30 resource that is economically mineable and which, after the  
31 application of all mining factors, result in an estimated  
32 tonnage and grade, and, based on the certification of the

1 mining engineer making the estimates, could be the basis of  
2 a viable project after taking into account all relevant mining,  
3 metallurgical, economic, marketing, legal, environmental,  
4 social and governmental factors.

5 (e) "Energy resources" shall mean coal, gas, petroleum,  
6 geothermal fluids or radioactive minerals that can be mined  
7 or harnessed for the production of power and other beneficial  
8 usages.

9 (f) "Water reserves" shall mean groundwater deposits proven  
10 through hydro-geological exploration where water can be  
11 beneficially extracted or harnessed for power generation and  
12 industrial development.

13 (g) "Mine installations" shall mean surface, underground or  
14 underwater excavations that require knowledge of mining  
15 engineering.

16 (h) "Professional Mining Engineer, Mining Engineer, Certified  
17 Mine Foreman" shall mean persons who are holders of valid  
18 Certificates of Registration and Professional Identification  
19 Cards issued by the Professional Regulatory Board of Mining  
20 Engineering and the Professional Regulation Commission.

21 **Sec. 5. Scope of Practice** – A person shall be deemed to be  
22 practicing the profession of mining engineering or rendering mining  
23 engineering services within the meaning and intent of this Act when  
24 he/she performs, but not be limited to, any or all of the following:

25 (a) Management, engineering or supervisory positions in mines,  
26 mine installation or construction projects where knowledge  
27 in mining engineering is necessary in carrying out such  
28 function;

29 (b) Calculation, estimation and certification of mineral, energy  
30 and water reserves, preparation of mine feasibility studies;  
31 mine valuation or auditing; and mine consulting;

- 1 (c) Participation in the preparation of environmental studies for  
2 mining projects and monitoring under the Environmental  
3 Impact Assessment (EIA) system;
- 4 (d) Preparation, approval or signing of mining documents such  
5 as but not limited to mine reports, mine plans and designs,  
6 specifications or project estimates;
- 7 (e) Design, commissioning or decommissioning of mines, mining  
8 methods and applicable machinery, works or installation;
- 9 (f) Employment in government service, if the nature and  
10 character of his/her work is in line with the profession  
11 requiring professional knowledge of the science of mining  
12 engineering;
- 13 (g) Management or supervision of small scale mines or similar  
14 projects as prescribed by law;
- 15 (h) Mine engineering practice or services covered by bilateral or  
16 multilateral trade agreements where the Philippines is a  
17 signatory;
- 18 (i) Teaching, lecturing and reviewing of professional mining  
19 engineering subjects in government recognized and  
20 accredited universities, colleges, schools and institutes; and
- 21 (j) All other functions, services and activities which, in the  
22 assessment and opinion of the Board, the same constitute  
23 the practice of Mining Engineering.

## 24 **Article II**

### 25 **CREATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD** 26 **OF MINING ENGINEERING**

#### 27 **Sec. 6. Composition of the Board of Mining Engineering –**

28 There is hereby created a Professional Regulatory Board of Mining  
29 Engineering, hereinafter referred to as the Board, under the  
30 administrative control and supervision of the Professional Regulation  
31 Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, composed of  
32 a Chairperson and two (2) members to be appointed by the President

1 of the Philippines from among those recommended by the Commission  
2 from the nominees of the duly Accredited Professional Organization  
3 (APO) of Professional Mining Engineers, Mining Engineers and  
4 Certified Mine Foremen. The new Board shall be constituted three (3)  
5 months from the effectivity of this Act.

6 **Sec. 7. Powers and Duties of the Board** – The Board shall  
7 have the following powers and duties:

- 8 (a) Supervise and regulate the practice of mining engineering  
9 profession;
- 10 (b) Determine and evaluate the qualifications of the applicants  
11 for registration;
- 12 (c) Prescribe the subjects in the licensure examinations,  
13 determine the syllabi of the subjects and their relative  
14 weights, construct the test questions in the examinations,  
15 score and rate the examination papers, and submit the  
16 examination results to the Commission;
- 17 (d) Issue together with the Commission, Certificates of  
18 Registration and Professional Identification Cards to  
19 applicants who have passed the licensure examinations for  
20 registered mining engineers;
- 21 (e) Issue special/temporary permits to foreign mining engineers  
22 to practice the profession;
- 23 (f) Inquire into conditions affecting the practice of the profession  
24 and adopt measures for the enhancement and maintenance  
25 of high professional, ethical and technical standards.  
26 Pursuant thereto, the Board may inspect establishments  
27 where mining engineers practice their profession such as  
28 mines, plants, offices and the like in order to determine and  
29 enforce compliance with the provisions of this Act and issue  
30 Certificates of Compliance for the purpose;
- 31 (g) Inspect the facilities, faculty, equipment and other aspects  
32 directly related to the mining engineering program of

- 1 educational institutions in coordination with the Commission  
2 on Higher Education (CHED);
- 3 (h) Adopt the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)  
4 necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Act;
- 5 (i) Adopt a Code of Ethics and a Code of Professional and  
6 Technical Standards for the practice of the Mining  
7 Engineering profession;
- 8 (j) Investigate, in accordance with the rules on administrative  
9 investigation promulgated by the Commission, violations of  
10 this Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, the  
11 Code of Ethics and the Code of Professional and Technical  
12 Standards for mining engineers, administrative policies,  
13 orders and issuances promulgated by the Board;
- 14 (k) Issue *subpoena duces tecum* to secure the attendance of  
15 witnesses or the production of documents in connection with  
16 administrative cases before the Board;
- 17 (l) Hear and decide administrative cases filed against mining  
18 engineers and firms employing mining engineers. The  
19 hearing shall be presided by the chairperson or a member of  
20 the Board with the assistance of a lawyer from the  
21 Commission. The decision of the Board may be appealed to  
22 the Commission and to the Court within fifteen (15) days  
23 from notice, otherwise the decision shall become final and  
24 executory;
- 25 (m) Administer oaths in connection with the performance of  
26 its functions;
- 27 (n) Adopt an official seal and prescribe the seal of the mining  
28 engineering profession;
- 29 (o) Submit an annual report on the proceedings and  
30 accomplishments during the year and/or recommendations  
31 of the Board to the Commission thirty (30) days after the  
32 close of each calendar year;

- 1 (p) Prosecute or institute criminal action against any violator of  
2 this Act and/or rules and regulations of the Board;
- 3 (q) Prescribe guidelines and criteria on the Continuing  
4 Professional Education (CPE) program for mining engineers  
5 in consultation with the integrated and accredited  
6 professional organization of mining engineers; and
- 7 (r) Perform regulatory, administrative, and quasi-legislative  
8 functions as mandated under R.A. 8981 otherwise known as  
9 the Professional Regulation Commission Modernization Act,  
10 and such other functions as may be necessary in order to  
11 implement the provisions of this Act.

12 **Sec. 8. Qualifications of the Chairperson and Members of**  
13 **the Board** – The Chairperson and members of the Board, at the time  
14 of his/her appointment must be:

- 15 (a) a natural born citizen and resident of the Philippines;
- 16 (b) at least a holder of a bachelor's degree in mining engineering  
17 as conferred by an engineering school of good standing,  
18 recognized and accredited by the government;
- 19 (c) a Professional Mining Engineer with a valid certificate of  
20 registration and professional identification card and an active  
21 practitioner for not less than ten (10) continuous years prior  
22 to his/her appointment;
- 23 (d) a person who does not have any pecuniary interest, directly  
24 or indirectly in any university, college, school or institution  
25 conferring an academic degree necessary for the admission  
26 to the practice of mining engineering, or institutions where  
27 review classes in preparation for the licensure examinations  
28 for mining engineers are being officially offered or conducted;  
29 nor shall he/she be a member of the faculty or of the  
30 administration thereof prior to appointment to the Board;  
31 and



1 (e) a member of the accredited professional organization of  
2 Mining Engineers but not a trustee or officer thereof..

3 **Sec. 9. Term of Office** – The Chairperson and the members of  
4 the Board shall hold office for a term of three (3) years after their  
5 appointment or until their successors shall have been appointed and  
6 duly qualified. They may be reappointed for another term of three (3)  
7 years immediately after the expiration of their term but in no case  
8 shall the whole term exceed six (6) years. Interim vacancies shall be  
9 filled for the unexpired portion of the term only.

10 The Chairperson and members shall qualify by taking the proper  
11 oaths prior to assumption of office.

12 **Sec. 10. Compensation of the Board** – The Chairperson and  
13 members of the Board shall receive compensation and allowances  
14 comparable to that being received by the chairpersons and members  
15 of other professional regulatory boards under the Commission as  
16 provided for in the General Appropriations Act.

17 **Sec. 11. Custodian of Records, Secretariat and Support** – All  
18 records of the Board, including applications for examinations,  
19 examination papers and results, minutes of meetings, deliberations  
20 of administrative and other investigative cases involving the Board  
21 shall be kept by the Commission. The Commission shall designate  
22 the Secretary of the Board and shall provide secretariat and other  
23 support services to implement the provisions of this Act.

24 **Sec. 12. Grounds for Suspension or Removal of Board**  
25 **Members/Chairperson** – The President, upon the recommendation of  
26 the Commission after due process and administrative investigation  
27 conducted by the Commission, may remove or suspend the  
28 Chairperson or a member of the Board on any of the following  
29 grounds:

30 (a) gross negligence, incompetence or dishonesty in the  
31 discharge of his/her duty;

1 (b) violation of any of the causes/grounds and the prohibited  
2 acts provided in this Act and the offenses in the Revised  
3 Penal Code, the Anti-Graft and Corruption Practices, and  
4 other laws, or

5 (c) manipulation or rigging of the licensure examination result  
6 for mining engineering, disclosure of secret and confidential  
7 information on the examination questions prior to the  
8 conduct thereof, or tampering of grades.

9 **Sec. 13. Annual Report** – The Board shall submit an annual  
10 report to the Commission after the close of each fiscal year giving  
11 detailed account of Board proceedings during the year and embodying  
12 such recommendations as the Board may desire to take.

### 13 **Article III**

#### 14 **LICENSURE EXAMINATION AND REGISTRATION**

15 **Sec. 14. Categories of Registration** – Registration for the  
16 practice of mining engineering shall be of three (3) categories, as  
17 follows:

18 (a) Professional Mining

19 (b) Mining Engineer

20 (c) Certified Mine Foreman

21 **Sec. 15. Passing of Licensure Examination Requirement** –  
22 Except as otherwise specifically allowed under this Act, applicants for  
23 registration for the practice of mining engineering shall be required to  
24 pass a licensure examination as provided for in this Act in such places  
25 and dates as the Commission may designate in accordance with the  
26 provisions of R.A. No. 8981 or the PRC Modernization Act of 2000.

27 **Sec. 16. Holding of Examination** – Examination of candidates  
28 applying for registration as Mining Engineer shall be given at least  
29 once a year on the date and venue prescribed by the Commission and  
30 such examination shall be conducted by the Board.

31 **Sec. 17. Scope of Examination for Mining Engineers** – In the  
32 licensure examinations for Mining Engineers, the scope of

1 examination, methods and procedures shall be prescribed by the  
2 Board. The licensure examination shall cover, but shall not be limited  
3 to, the following subjects:

- 4 (a) Geology, and Mineral/Ore Resources Exploration;
- 5 (b) Mining Engineering, Laws and Ethics;
- 6 (c) Ore Processing/Beneficiation; and
- 7 (d) Environmental Protection, Mine Safety and Social  
8 Acceptability.

9 The Board, subject to approval by the Commission, may revise  
10 or exclude any of the subjects and their syllabi, and add new ones as  
11 the need arises to conform to technological changes brought about by  
12 continuing trends in the profession. *Provided*, That a detailed syllabi  
13 of the above examinations covering the whole aspects of the mining  
14 engineering profession and practice shall be prepared by the Board.

15 **Sec. 18. Qualifications of Applicants for Mining Engineer –**  
16 Any person applying for licensure examination as Mining Engineer  
17 shall establish to the satisfaction of the Board that:

- 18 (a) he/she is a citizen of the Philippines or a foreign citizen  
19 whose country has reciprocity agreement with the  
20 Philippines ;
- 21 (b) he/she holds a degree of Bachelor of Science in Mining  
22 Engineering from a university, school, college, academy, or  
23 institute duly constituted and recognized as such by the  
24 government; and
- 25 (c) he/she must not have been convicted by a court of law of a  
26 crime involving moral turpitude.

27 **Sec. 19. Registration of Professional Mining Engineer and**  
28 **Certified Mine Foreman –** Registration of the following categories of  
29 practice of mining engineering shall require no written licensure  
30 examinations.

- 31 a) Professional Mining Engineer – The granting of Certificate of  
32 Registration to Professional Mining Engineers shall be

1 testimonial in nature. Candidates for certification shall be  
2 nominated by the accredited professional organization which  
3 shall evaluate, attest and certify to the credentials of  
4 applicants to include, but not limited to, an enumeration of  
5 experience and presentation of a mining engineering report  
6 or technical paper pertinent to his/her line of experience.

- 7 b) Certified Mine Foreman – The granting of Certificate of  
8 Registration as Certified Mine Foreman shall be upon the  
9 nomination of the accredited professional organization which  
10 shall evaluate, testify and certify to the qualification of  
11 applicants through oral examinations on specific subjects  
12 such as, but not limited to, mining operations, drilling and  
13 blasting, mine safety, environmental protection and pertinent  
14 mine rules and regulations. *Provided*, That applicants for  
15 Blaster Foreman's Licenses issued by the Philippine National  
16 Police (PNP) must be either a graduate mining engineer or  
17 registered mining engineer or certified mine foreman.

18 **Sec. 20. - Qualifications of Applicants for Professional**  
19 **Mining Engineer** – An applicant for registration as a Professional  
20 Mining Engineer must, at the time of filing of his/her application,  
21 establish to the satisfaction of the Board that:

- 22 (a) he/she is a citizen of the Philippines or a foreign citizen  
23 whose country has reciprocity agreement with the  
24 Philippines;  
25 (b) he/she has a valid certificate of registration as Mining  
26 Engineer and a holder of a valid Professional Identification  
27 Card;  
28 (c) he/she has graduated from an engineering school or college  
29 of recognized standing, after completing an approved course  
30 in mining engineering;

1 (d) he/she has a specific record of a total of ten (10) years or  
2 more of active and continuous mining engineering practice  
3 prior to his/her registration;

4 (e) he/she holds at least one certificate of specialization in  
5 mining engineering as specified under Section 26 thereof;  
6 and

7 (f) he/she must not have been convicted by a court of law of a  
8 crime involving moral turpitude.

9 **Sec. 21. Qualifications of Applicants for Mine Foreman -**

10 Any person applying for a certificate of registration as Mine Foreman  
11 shall establish to the satisfaction of the Board that:

12 (a) he/she is a Filipino citizen and at least twenty-one years of  
13 age;

14 (b) he/she is of good reputation and moral character;

15 (c) he/she is a graduate of a Mine Foreman course from a  
16 mining school or institute duly accredited by the  
17 government and has at least ten (10) years actual experience  
18 in mining; or

19 (d) he/she is a graduate of Mining Engineering from a  
20 government-recognized school, university, institute or  
21 college with at least five (5) years of actual experience in  
22 mining; or

23 (e) he/she is a college graduate with at least fifteen (15) years  
24 of actual experience in mining; and

25 (f) he/she is competent to be a mine or quarry foreman as  
26 certified and attested to by the accredited professional  
27 association of mining engineers.

1       **Sec. 22. Examination Fees** – Any applicant admitted to take  
2 the mining engineering examination shall pay such fees as may be  
3 prescribed by the Commission before he/she is allowed to take the  
4 same.

5       **Sec. 23. Rating in the Licensure Examination** – To pass the  
6 licensure examination for mining engineering, a candidate must  
7 obtain a general or weighted average of no less than seventy per  
8 centum (70%) and a rating of no less than fifty per centum (50%) in  
9 any examination subject.

10       **Sec. 24. Report of Ratings** – The Board shall complete the  
11 correction of examination papers within three (3) days from the last  
12 day of examinations. The Commission shall report the rating of  
13 examinees not more than thirty (30) days after the Board has  
14 completed the correction of examination papers.

15       **Sec. 25. Issuance of Certificates of Registration and**  
16 **Professional Identification Card** – A certificate of registration shall  
17 be issued to those who are registered with or without licensure  
18 examination subject to payment of fees prescribed by the Commission.  
19 It shall bear the signatures of the Chairperson of the Commission and  
20 of the Chairperson and members of the Board, stamped with the  
21 official seal of the Commission and of the Board, certifying that the  
22 person named therein is entitled to the practice of the profession with  
23 all the privileges appurtenant thereto. Until withdrawn, revoked, or  
24 suspended in accordance with this Act, it shall remain in full force  
25 and effect.

26       A professional identification card bearing the registration  
27 number and date, its validity and expiry duly signed by the  
28 Chairperson of the Commission shall likewise be issued to every  
29 registrant who has paid the prescribed fees.

30       **Sec. 26. Issuance of Certificates of Specialization** – Upon  
31 the nomination of the accredited professional organization of mining  
32 engineers, the Board shall issue a Certificate of Specialization to an

1 applicant who is a registered mining engineer and who has specialized  
2 knowledge, training and experience in a specific field of mining and  
3 has documented his/her expertise and competence on the same.

4       **Sec. 27. Seal of a Professional and Registered Mining**  
5 **Engineer** – A Professional Mining Engineer or a Mining Engineer,  
6 upon registration and payment of fees and dues to the accredited  
7 professional organization, shall obtain a seal of such design  
8 prescribed by the Board, bearing the registrant's name, certificate  
9 number and the legend "Professional Mining Engineer" or "Mining  
10 Engineer". Designs, plans, specifications, project feasibility studies,  
11 appraisals, valuations, recommendations, technical reports,  
12 proposals, and other professional documents involving mines,  
13 quarries, coallery works, projects or installations shall be stamped on  
14 every sheet with the said seal of the registrant when filed with  
15 government authorities or when submitted or used professionally:  
16 *Provided*, That it shall be unlawful for any one to stamp or seal any  
17 document with the said seal after the certificate and/or professional  
18 identification card shall have been revoked or cancelled or has  
19 expired.

20       **Sec. 28. Fees for Registration** – Every person issued a  
21 Certificate of Registration shall pay to the Commission such fees as  
22 the Commission may prescribe.

23       **Sec. 29. Issuance of Temporary/Special Permits** –  
24 Temporary/Special Permits shall be issued to the following upon  
25 proper application with the Board:

- 26       (a) foreign Mining Engineers, recognized as experts in their  
27       specific fields of mining engineering, called in by the  
28       Republic of the Philippines for consultation or for specific  
29       design, installation or project: *Provided*, That their practice  
30       shall be confined to such work only;  
31       (b) foreign Mining Engineers who have distinguished themselves  
32       in their respective fields of specialization, contracted as

1 professors or lecturers on mining engineering subjects by  
2 Philippine schools, or colleges, institutes or universities on a  
3 direct hire or exchange basis, subject to verification of  
4 credentials by the Board; or

5 (c) foreign Mining Engineers who are duly registered under  
6 the bilateral or multilateral agreements where the Philippines  
7 is a signatory.

8 *Provided*, That all the above shall secure a temporary/special  
9 Permit from the Board prior to arrival in the country.

10 **Sec. 30. Refusal to Register** – The Board shall not register any  
11 successful applicant for registration with or without licensure  
12 examination who has been:

13 (a) convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude by a court  
14 of competent jurisdiction;

15 (b) found guilty of immoral or dishonorable conduct by the  
16 Board;

17 (c) summarily adjudged guilty for violation of the General  
18 Instruction to Examinees by the Board; and

19 (d) declared of unsound mind by a court of competent  
20 jurisdiction.

21 In refusing such registration, the Board shall give the applicant  
22 a written statement setting forth the reasons therefor and shall file a  
23 copy thereof in its records.

24 **Sec. 31. Revocation or Suspension of the Certificates of**  
25 **Registration and Cancellation of Temporary/Special Permit** – The  
26 Board shall have the power, upon notice of hearing, to revoke or  
27 suspend the certificate of registration of a Professional Mining  
28 Engineer, Mining Engineer or Certified Mine Foremen to cancel a  
29 temporary/special permit granted to a foreign mining engineer, for  
30 violation of any of the grounds or causes in Sec. 30 of this Act, except  
31 (c) thereof and on any of the following grounds :



- 1 (a) violation of a provision of this Act, its Implementing Rules  
2 and Regulations, Code of Ethics, and Code of Professional  
3 and Technical Standards for the practice of mining  
4 engineering;
- 5 (b) perpetration or use of fraud in obtaining his/her certificate  
6 of registration, professional identification card, or  
7 temporary/special permit;
- 8 (c) gross incompetence, negligence or ignorance resulting to  
9 death, injury or damage;
- 10 (d) any act of misrepresentation in connection with an alleged  
11 performance of mining engineering activities;
- 12 (e) acts inimical to the mining engineering profession;
- 13 (f) gross immorality;
- 14 (g) conviction by final judgment of any act involving moral  
15 turpitude;
- 16 (h) aiding or abetting the illegal practice of a non-registered and  
17 non-licensed mining engineer by allowing him/her to use  
18 his/her certificate of registration and/or professional  
19 identification card, or his/her temporary/special permit;
- 20 (i) illegally practicing the profession during his/her suspension  
21 from the practice thereof; or
- 22 (j) addicted to a drug or alcohol abuse impairing his/her ability  
23 to practice his/her profession, or declared with an unsound  
24 mind by a court of competent jurisdiction.

25 The Board shall periodically evaluate the aforementioned  
26 grounds and revise, exclude or add new ones as the need arises  
27 subject to the approval by the Commission.

28 Any person, firm or association may file charges in accordance  
29 with the provision of this Section against any registrant, or the Board  
30 may investigate violation of any of the above-mentioned causes. An  
31 affidavit-complaint shall be filed together with the affidavits of  
32 witnesses and other documentary evidence with the Board through

1 the Legal and Investigation Office. The Board may *motu proprio*  
2 conduct an investigation which shall be embodied in a formal charge  
3 to be signed by at least a majority of the members of the Board. The  
4 rules on administrative investigation issued by the Commission shall  
5 govern the hearing or investigation subject to applicable provisions of  
6 this Act, R.A. No. 8981 and the Rules of Court.

7 **Sec. 32. Re-issuance of Revoked Certificate of Registration**  
8 **and Replacement of Lost Certificate of Registration and**  
9 **Professional Identification Card** – The Board may, after two (2) years  
10 from the date of revocation of the Certificate of Registration, re-issue a  
11 certificate upon proper application.

12 A new Certificate of Registration and Professional Identification  
13 Card, or temporary/special permit, which has been lost, destroyed or  
14 mutilated, may be reissued after payment of the required fee  
15 prescribed by the Commission.

16 **Sec. 33. Mining Engineers Required in Mines** – The following  
17 functions and responsibilities shall be discharged by respective  
18 mining engineer categories:

19 (a) Professional Mining Engineers- Senior mine management  
20 functions in mines; consultants; professors of major mining  
21 subjects, senior government officials.

22 (b) Mining Engineers- Junior mine management functions in  
23 mines, senior management functions in small-scale mines,  
24 lecturers, assistant professors of professional major mining  
25 subjects, junior government personnel.

26 *Provided, That the definition and scope of senior and junior*  
27 *management positions shall be stipulated in the Implementing Rules*  
28 *and Regulations (IRR) of this Act consistent with the minimum*  
29 *personnel complement as provided under RA 7942, otherwise known*  
30 *as the Philippine Mining Act and its IRR.*

1 **Article IV**

2 **PRACTICE OF MINING ENGINEERING**

3 **Sec. 34. Prohibition from Practicing Mining Engineering –**

4 No person shall practice or offer to practice mining engineering in the  
5 Philippines without having been previously registered as a  
6 Professional Mining Engineer, Mining Engineer or Certified Mine  
7 Foreman under the provisions of this Act or granted a temporary  
8 /special permit.

9 **Sec. 35. Who May Practice Mining Engineering –** Except as

10 may be otherwise provided in this Act, only persons properly licensed  
11 and registered may practice mining engineering in the country. No  
12 firm, partnership, corporation or association may be licensed and  
13 registered as such for the practice of mining engineering. Duly  
14 licensed professional mining engineers and/or mining engineers may  
15 form partnerships among themselves and use the title “Mining  
16 Engineers” or “Professional Mining Engineers”, or “Engineers” in  
17 their partnership name.

18 **Sec. 36. Vested Rights –** All practicing mining engineers who

19 are registered as mining engineers at the time this Act takes effect,  
20 shall automatically be registered under this Act as Mining Engineers.

21 **Sec. 37. Roster of Engineers and Foremen –** A roster

22 showing the names, registration numbers and dates of issue and  
23 expiry, current addresses, place of business of all Professional Mining  
24 Engineers, Mining Engineers and Certified Mine Foremen, shall be  
25 prepared and kept by the Commission which shall be made available  
26 to interested parties upon formal written request.

27 **Sec. 38. Foreign Reciprocity –** No foreign mining engineer

28 shall be granted any of the rights and privileges under this Act unless  
29 the country of which he/she is a subject or citizen grants the same or  
30 similar rights or privileges to Filipino mining engineers.

31 **Sec. 39. Indication of Certificate of Registration and**

32 **Professional Tax Receipt –** A Professional Mining Engineer, a Mining

1 Engineer or a Certified Mine Foreman shall be required to indicate  
2 his/her Certificate of Registration number, the duration of validity,  
3 including the professional tax receipt number and APO Membership  
4 Fee Receipt number on the documents he/she signs, uses or issues in  
5 connection with the practice of his/her profession.

6 **Sec. 40. Posting of Certificates** – The owner, manager or  
7 other person in charge of any mine or quarry operation of a firm, co-  
8 partnership, company, corporation, or joint stock association, shall  
9 post or cause to be posted in a conspicuous place within the premises  
10 of such mines, the certificate of registration of professional mining  
11 engineers, mining engineers and mine foremen employed therein.

12 **Sec. 41. Integration of the Mining Engineering Profession** –  
13 The mining engineering profession shall be integrated into one (1)  
14 national professional organization composed of professional mining  
15 engineers, mining engineers and certified mine foremen and shall be  
16 duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).  
17 The Board, subject to approval by the Commission shall accredit the  
18 said organization as the one and only integrated and accredited  
19 professional organization (APO) of professional mining engineers,  
20 mining engineers and certified mine foremen. All professional mining  
21 engineers, mining engineers and certified mine foremen whose names  
22 appear in the Registry Book of these professionals shall *ipso facto* or  
23 automatically become members thereof and shall receive all the  
24 benefits and privileges appurtenant thereto upon payment of APO  
25 membership fees and dues.

26 Membership in the integrated accredited professional  
27 organization shall not be a bar to membership in other mining  
28 engineering organizations.

## 29 **ARTICLE V**

### 30 **PENAL AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

31 **Sec. 42. Penal Clause** – The following shall, upon conviction, be  
32 punished by a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00)

1 but not more than One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) or imprisonment  
2 of not less than one (1) month but not more than five (5) years at the  
3 discretion of the court:

- 4 (a) Any person who shall practice mining engineering in the  
5 Philippines, as defined in this Act, without a valid  
6 certificate of registration and valid professional  
7 identification card, or temporary/special permit in  
8 accordance with the provisions of this Act, unless declared  
9 exempt from registration.
- 10 (b) Any person presenting or using as his/her own certificate  
11 of registration and/or professional identification card or  
12 temporary/special permit of another.
- 13 (c) Any person who shall give any false or forged evidence.
- 14 (d) Any person who shall impersonate any registrant of like or  
15 different name.
- 16 (e) Any person who shall use a revoked or suspended  
17 certificate of registration, and/or a valid professional  
18 identification card, or a valid temporary/special permit, or  
19 an expired/non-current Professional identification card, or  
20 an expired cancelled temporary/special permit.
- 21 (f) Any person who shall assume, use, or advertise any title or  
22 description tending to convey the impression that he/she is  
23 a mining engineer without having graduated as such, or is  
24 engaged in the mining engineering practice, without  
25 holding a valid certificate of registration and a valid  
26 professional identification card, or a valid temporary/  
27 special permit from the Board.

28 **Sec. 43. Act Not Affecting Other Professions** – This Act shall  
29 not affect or prevent the practice of any other legally recognized  
30 profession.

31 **Sec. 44. Enforcement of the Act by the Officers of the Law** –  
32 The Board shall be assisted by the Commission in carrying out the

1 provisions of this Act and its implementing rules and regulations and  
2 other policies. The lawyers of the Commission shall act as the  
3 prosecutors against illegal practitioners and other violations of this  
4 Act and its rules. The duly constituted authorities of government shall  
5 likewise assist the Board and the Commission in enforcing the  
6 provisions of this Act and its rules.

7       **Sec. 45. Implementing Rules and Regulations** – Subject to  
8 the approval of the Commission, the Board in consultation with the  
9 APO shall adopt and promulgate such implementing rules and  
10 regulations and the Code of Ethics and Code of Professional and  
11 Technical Standards of Mining Engineers to carry out the provisions of  
12 this Act.

13       **Sec. 46. Funding Provision** – The Chairperson of the  
14 Professional Regulation Commission shall immediately include in the  
15 Commission's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of  
16 which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

17       **Sec. 47. Transitory Provisions** - (a) Faculty Members currently  
18 teaching major mining engineering subjects in universities, colleges,  
19 institutes, or schools shall not be allowed to continue teaching after  
20 five (5) years from the approval of this Act, unless they are or they  
21 have become Mining Engineers with a Master's degree in Mining  
22 Engineering or its equivalent from duly recognized and accredited  
23 universities, colleges, institutes or schools and have at least five years  
24 of practical experience in an open pit and/or underground mine.

25       (b) The incumbent Chairperson and Members of the Board shall  
26 automatically be issued Certificates of Registration and Professional  
27 Identification Card as Professional Mining Engineers. They shall  
28 continue to function in the Board until such time as a new Board  
29 shall have been constituted under this Act.

30       **Sec. 48. Separability Clause** – If any section or portion of this  
31 Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such shall not  
32 invalidate any other section of this Act.

1           **Sec. 49. Repealing Clause** - R.A. 4274, as amended, is hereby  
2 repealed. All other laws, parts of law, orders, ordinances, or  
3 regulations relative to the practice of mining engineering which are  
4 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or  
5 modified accordingly.

6           **Sec. 50. Effectivity** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
7 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general  
8 circulation.

9       Approved.