EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
First Regular Session)



20 JAN 28 A9:51

SENATE

s. No. <u>1299</u>

RECEIVED BY:	 X	

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

AN ACT EXEMPTING QUALIFIED OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWS) FROM THE COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10912, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016 AMENDING

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10912, otherwise known as the Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016, was passed to institute measure that will continuously improve the competence of Filipino professionals and to make them attuned to the development and advancements in their chosen field.

However, the implementation of the said law faced criticisms and challenges from a number of professionals, especially from Overseas Filipino Workers, whose situations would make it impossible for them to comply with the requirements of the said law.

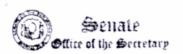
In a resolution issued by the Professional Regulations Commission, PRC Resolution No. 2019-114, it states, among others, that OFWs shall be exempted from the requirements of this law.

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

MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID

Senator

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
First Regular Session)



20 JAN 28 A 9:51

SENATE

s. No. _1299

RECEI ///D	BY:		n

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

AN ACT

EXEMPTING QUALIFIED OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWS) FROM THE COVERAGE OF 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:

1	SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10912 is hereby amended to read as
2	follows:
3	"Sec. 3. Definition of Terms The following terms shall be defined
4	under this Act:
5	
6	"XXX.
7	
8	(X) QUALIFIED OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWS) REFERS
9	TO FILIPINO PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE
11	PRACTICE OF THEIR PROFESSION OUTSIDE THE PHILIPPINES
12	WITH A SERVICE CONTRACT OF AT LEAST THREE (3) YEARS OR HAS BEEN PRACTICING THEIR PROFESSION OUTSIDE OF THE
13	PHILIPPINES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE
14	YEARS."
15	
16	SEC. 2. Section 10 of Republic Act No. 10912 is hereby amended to read as
17	follows:
18	
19	Sec. 10. CPD as Mandatory Requirement in the Renewal of Professional
20	License and Accreditation System for the Practice of Professions. — The
21	CPD is hereby made as a mandatory requirement in the renewal of the
22	PICs of all registered and licensed professionals under the regulation of
23	the PRC, EXCEPT WITH REGARDS TO QUALIFIED OVERSEAS

1 2	FILIPINO WORKERS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH (X) OF THIS ACT.
3	
4	PROFESSIONALS WHO IS PRACTICING OR WHO INTENDS TO
5	PRACTICE THEIR PROFESSION IN COUNTRIES COVERED BY
6	BILATERAL, REGIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS IN WHICH CPD IS A RECOGNITION AND ELIGIBILITY
7 8	WHICH CPD IS A RECOGNITION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT, SUCH AS THE ASEAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION
9	AGREEMENTS (MRAs), SHALL COMPLY WITH THE
10	REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT.
11	
12	Sec. 3. Repealing Clause All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or
13	part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended
14	or modified accordingly.
15	
16	Sec. 15. Effectivity Clause This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days
17	after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
18	circulation, whichever comes earlier.
19	
20	Approved,