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TEVES, REMULLA, COLMENARES AND GONZALES (N.), PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 2388

AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHT OF STUDENTS OF COURSES
REQUIRING PROFESSIONAL LICENSING EXAMINATIONS TO
ENROLL IN REVIEW CENTERS OF THEIR CHOICE AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the declared policy of the
2 State to promote and protect the right to education as enshrined in the
3 Philippine Constitution. While the State recognizes the complementary roles of
4 public and private institutions in the enhancement and strengthening of the
5 educational system, it is also the responsibility of the State to ensure the
6 protection of students against possible abuses by higher educational institutions
7 (HEIs) in relation to the right of students to choose their review centers.

8 SEC. 2. *Coverage.* – This Act shall cover all public and private HEIs,
9 including local colleges and universities, offering courses that require
10 professional licensure examinations.

1 SEC. 3. *Unlawful Acts.* – In recognition of the student’s freedom to
2 choose his/her review center, the following acts by HEIs shall be considered
3 unlawful:

4 (a) Compelling students enrolled in courses requiring professional
5 examinations to take review classes, which are not part of the curriculum, in a
6 review center of the HEI’s choice;

7 (b) Making such review classes a prerequisite for graduation or
8 completion of the course; and

9 (c) Withholding the transcript of scholastic records, diploma,
10 certification or any essential document of the student to be used in support of
11 the application for the professional licensure examinations so as to compel the
12 students to attend a review center of the HEI’s choice.

13 SEC. 4. *Penalties.* – Any HEI official or employee found guilty of
14 violating any of the unlawful acts enumerated in Section 3 of this Act shall
15 suffer the penalty of *prision correccional* or imprisonment from six (6) months
16 and one (1) day to six (6) years.

17 In addition, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) may impose
18 disciplinary sanctions against a HEI official or employee violating this Act
19 pursuant to Section 13 of Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the
20 “Higher Education Act of 1994”.

21 SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The CHED shall be
22 tasked to issue the implementing rules and regulations of this Act within thirty
23 (30) days after this law takes effect.

24 SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* – Should any provision herein be
25 declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other
26 provisions of this Act.

1 SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules and regulations
2 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified or
3 repealed accordingly.

4 SEC. 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
5 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of
6 general circulation.

Approved,

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