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**SENATE**  
**S. No. 1162**

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Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO

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**AN ACT**  
**REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10912, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE**  
**CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10912 otherwise known as the "Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Act of 2016", has been in effect for more than five (5) years already but Filipino professionals are continuously challenged by exorbitant fees and confusing processes in completing their CPD requirements.

While the CPD Act aims to develop and maintain professional competencies by serving as a gateway in gaining new skills and knowledge in their professions, compliance to the said law does not come cheap particularly for struggling professionals. A news report cited that seminars from private CPD providers can cost nurses at least one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) per session.<sup>1</sup> Several groups of teachers also pointed out that even before the implementation of the CPD law, teachers and other professionals have already been engaging in CPD activities.<sup>2</sup> Needless to say, the CPD Act has made the process unnecessarily costly.

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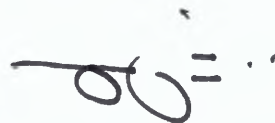
<sup>1</sup> Hapal, Don Kevin (February 8, 2018). "For struggling professionals, CPD is expensive and not realistic." Information retrieved at <https://www.rappler.com/nation/195581-cpd-act-continuing-professionals-education-woes-not-realistic/>

<sup>2</sup> Hernando-Malipot, Merlina. (February 15, 2018). "Teachers push for abolition of CPD Law." Information retrieved at <https://news.mb.com.ph/2018/02/15/teachers-push-for-abolition-of-cpd-law/> on October 9, 2018.

Considering the disruption caused by the pandemic, PRC issued Resolution No. 1444(A), s. 2021, which extended the acceptance of license renewal without CPD units until December 2022. Professionals who have incomplete or no CPD units are required to sign an Undertaking in the renewal form that they will comply in the next period. The PRC will fully implement the CPD unit requirement by January 2023. This means that, the Filipino professionals will again be confronted with the difficulties of renewing their licenses in the face of rising inflation.

In the poll conducted by the Pulse Asia in June 2022, it showed that 57% of Filipinos identified inflation as the most urgent national concern which should be prioritized by the government. In June 2022, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas reported the inflation rate at 6.1%, which is the highest recorded inflation since October 2018.<sup>3</sup> Specifically, food inflation at the national level rose to 6.0 percent in June 2022, from 4.9 percent in May of the same year. At this time when inflation has risen yet again and Filipinos struggle with soaring food prices, the 2.56 million registered Filipino professionals<sup>4</sup> do not need additional costly burden of complying with their CPD requirements. Thus, the CPD Act needs to be repealed.

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



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<sup>3</sup> Philippine Statistics Authority (2022). *Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index (2018=100)*: June 2022. Information retrieved at <https://psa.gov.ph/statistics/survey/price/summary-inflation-report-consumer-price-index-2018100-june-2022>

<sup>4</sup> Philippine Statistics Authority. (May 20, 2019). *Employment rate in 2022 is estimated at 94.3 Percent.* Information retrieved at <https://psa.gov.ph/content/employment-rate-april-2022-estimated-943-percent-on-june-15-2022>.

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

1 Section 1. Republic Act No. 10912, otherwise known as the "*Continuing*  
2 *Professional Development Act of 2016*", is hereby repealed.

3 Sec. 2. All other laws, executive orders, resolutions, rules and regulations,  
4 and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby  
5 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

6 Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
7 Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*