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AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE IN THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

ARTICLE I

TITLE

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Philippine  
Landscape Architecture Act of 1998.”

ARTICLE II

DEFINITION OF TERMS

SEC. 2. *Definition of Terms.* –

(a) “Scope of the practice of landscape architecture” refers to the act of planning, designing, specifying, supervising and giving general administration and responsible direction to the functional, orderly and aesthetic arrangement, changing and development of natural scenery and land areas to produce the most desirable effect for human use and enjoyment of various outdoor spaces which consist of landscape components and the softscape of plants such as gardens, sports fields, playgrounds, recreational grounds, camping sites, resorts, national and public parks, historical parks, squares, memorial parks, subdivisions, parks and parkways, zoological and botanical gardens, greenbelts, cemeteries, plazas, patios, yards, outdoor shopping and pedestrian malls, promenades, sidewalks, roads and walkway systems, traffic islands, easements and circles, roof and open interior gardens and courts, and other open spaces; the protection, conservation and rehabilitation of the natural environment and scenery to enhance the ecological system and quality of life, such as, but not limited to:

(1) The act of planning sites and outdoor spaces;

(2) Recommending on and formulating landscape development policies concerning visual resources, streetscapes, the rehabilitation of inner cities, slums and historical districts, parks and recreation items which are important components of area development plans at the local, regional

1 and national levels, and as components of area development and planning  
2 codes, zoning ordinances and other studies;

3 (3) Consultation, oral advice and direction, conferences,  
4 evaluation, investigation, estimates, appraisals and assessment and  
5 landscape architectural and operational programming;

6 (4) Schematic design, design studies and development, concepts,  
7 and contract documents;

8 (5) Preparation of preliminary technical, economic and financial  
9 feasibility studies of plans and project promotional services including  
10 preparation of specialized studies such as environmental impact  
11 assessments (EIA);

12 (6) Preparation of plans, specifications, bills of materials, cost  
13 estimates, general conditions and landscape work contract documents;

14 (7) Construction and project management; giving general  
15 management, administration, supervision, coordination and responsible  
16 direction to the planning, designing, construction, reconstruction, direction,  
17 enlargement, renovation, repair, orderly removal or demolition,  
18 remodeling, alteration, preservation or restoration of landscape sites or  
19 structures including all their component sites and environs intended for  
20 private or public use;

21 (8) The practice of landscape architecture shall also include all  
22 other works, projects and activities which require the professional  
23 competence of landscape architects, including teaching of landscape  
24 architecture subjects given in the licensure examinations for landscape  
25 architects; computer-aided design; the scientific, aesthetic and orderly  
26 coordination of all works and branches of the work, systems and processes  
27 necessary in order to enhance and safeguard life, health and property, and  
28 the promotion and enrichment of the quality of life; the landscape  
29 architecture design of engineered structures or any part thereof;

(9) The planning, layout and utilization of spaces within and around buildings or structures including their sites; environment and urban design, site planning, outdoor space planning, landscape architectural detailing, landscape architectural lighting, laying out of associated mechanical, electrical, sanitary, plumbing and other utility systems, equipment and fixtures; and

(10) Site programming, grounds maintenance and administration and landscape architectural conservation and restoration;

(b) "Landscape architect" refers to a natural person technically qualified to practice landscape architecture and who has been issued a valid certificate of registration and a valid professional license as such by the Board of Landscape Architecture.

### ARTICLE III

#### BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

SEC. 3. *Creation and Composition of a Board of Landscape Architecture.* – There is hereby created a Board of Landscape Architecture, hereinafter referred to as the Board, under the administrative control and supervision of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), hereinafter referred to as the Commission, to be composed of a chairperson and two (2) members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines from a list forwarded by the Commission. Such a list shall have five (5) nominees for each position, chosen, ranked in the order of preference and submitted by the integrated and duly accredited National Association of Landscape Architects in the Philippines.

The Board shall be organized not later than six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Qualifications of Members of the Board.* – A member of the Board shall, at the time of his appointment, possess the following qualifications:

(a) A natural born citizen and a resident of the Philippines;

1 (b) Must be at least thirty-five (35) years of age;

2 (c) A holder of the degree of Bachelor of Landscape Architecture  
3 or its equivalent, conferred by a school, academy, college or university in  
4 the Philippines or abroad that is recognized and/or accredited by the  
5 Commission on Higher Education (CHED);

6 (d) A registered landscape architect with a valid certificate of  
7 registration and a valid professional license and an active practitioner of  
8 landscape architecture for not less than ten (10) years prior to appointment,  
9 except the first chair and members of the Board who shall be issued with  
10 the said certificate and license pursuant to this Act;

11 (e) Must not, for a period of three (3) consecutive years prior to  
12 appointment, be a member of the faculty of any school, academy, institute,  
13 college or university where a regular course in landscape architecture is  
14 being taught, nor have pecuniary interest in or administrative supervision  
15 over any such institution of learning;

16 (f) Must not, for a period of three (3) consecutive years prior to  
17 appointment, be connected with a review center or with any group or  
18 association where review classes or lectures in preparation for the licensure  
19 examination are offered or conducted at the time of appointment; and

20 (g) Has never been convicted of any crime involving moral  
21 turpitude.

22 SEC. 5. *Term of Office.* – The members of the Board shall hold  
23 office for a term of three (3) years after their appointment or until their  
24 successors shall have been appointed and qualified. Each member of the  
25 Board may be re-appointed for one full term of three (3) years. Of the  
26 members of the Board first appointed under this Act, one (1) member shall  
27 be appointed and hold office as chairperson for three (3) years, one (1)  
28 member for two (2) years, and one (1) member for one (1) year. Each  
29 member of the Board shall qualify by taking the proper oath prior to  
30 entering upon the performance of his duties.

1           SEC. 6. *Compensation of the Board Members.* – The chairperson  
2 and members of the Board shall receive compensation comparable to the  
3 compensation received by existing regulatory boards with the Professional  
4 Regulation Commission and as may be provided for in the General  
5 Appropriations Act.

6           SEC. 7. *Vacancy and Removal of Board Members.* – Any vacancy  
7 occurring in the membership of the term of a member shall be filled for the  
8 unexpired portion of the term only. The President, upon recommendation  
9 of the Commission, after giving the concerned member an opportunity to  
10 defend himself in a proper administrative investigation to be conducted by  
11 the Commission, may remove any member of the Board on the following  
12 grounds:

13           (a) Neglect of duty or incompetence;

14           (b) Violation or tolerance of the violation of this Act or the Code of  
15 Ethics for Landscape Architecture;

16           (c) Final judgment of any criminal offense involving moral  
17 turpitude; and

18           (d) Manipulation or rigging of the landscape architecture  
19 examination results, disclosure of secret and confidential information on  
20 the examination questions prior to the conduct of the said examination or  
21 tampering of grades.

22           SEC. 8. *Powers and Duties of the Board.* – The policies,  
23 resolutions, rules and regulations, orders or decisions issued or  
24 promulgated by the Board shall be subject to the review and approval of  
25 the Commission. However, the Board's decisions, resolutions or orders  
26 rendered in administrative cases which are not interlocutory shall be  
27 subject to review only if on appeal. The Board shall exercise the following  
28 specific powers, functions, duties and responsibilities:

29           (a) To promulgate and adopt the rules and regulations necessary for  
30 carrying out the provisions of this Act;

1 (b) To supervise the registration, licensure and practice of  
2 professional landscape architects in the Philippines;

3 (c) To administer oaths in connection with the administration of  
4 this Act;

5 (d) Issue, suspend, revoke or reinstate the certificate of registration  
6 or professional license for the practice of the landscape architecture  
7 profession;

8 (e) To adopt an official seal of the Board;

9 (f) Monitor the conditions affecting the practice of landscape  
10 architecture and adopt such measure as may be deemed proper for the  
11 enhancement and maintenance of high professional, ethical and technical  
12 standards of the profession;

13 (g) To prescribe and/or adopt a Code of Ethical and Professional  
14 Standards for the practice of the landscape architecture profession;

15 (h) To hear and try administrative cases involving violation of this  
16 Act, its implementing rules and regulations, the Code of Ethics for  
17 Professional Landscape Architects and for this purpose, to issue *subpoena*  
18 and *subpoena duces tecum* to secure the appearance of witnesses and the  
19 production of documents in connection therewith;

20 (i) Prescribe guidelines in the Continuing Professional Education  
21 (CPE) program in coordination with accredited association(s) for  
22 professional landscape architects;

23 (j) Prepare, adopt, issue or amend the syllabi of the subjects for  
24 examinations by determining and preparing questions which shall be within  
25 the scope of the syllabus of the subject for examination, as well as through  
26 full computerization, give and correct the licensure examination subjects  
27 except landscape architectural design and planning, and release the  
28 examination results;

29 (k) Approve, issue, limit or revoke temporary license to practice  
30 landscape architecture;

1 (l) In coordination with the Commission on Higher Education  
2 (CHED), ensure that all higher educational instruction and offerings of  
3 landscape architecture comply with the policies, standards and  
4 requirements of the course prescribed by the CHED in the areas of  
5 curriculum, faculty, library and facilities; and

6 (m) Discharge such other duties and functions as may be deemed  
7 necessary for the enhancement of the landscape architecture profession and  
8 the upgrading, development and growth of landscape architecture  
9 education in the Philippines.

10 SEC. 9. *Administrative Supervision of the Board, Custodian of its*  
11 *Records, Secretariat and Support Services.* – The Board shall be under the  
12 administrative supervision of the Commission. All records of the Board,  
13 including applicants for examination, administrative and other investigative  
14 cases conducted by the Board shall be under the custody of the  
15 Commission. The Commission shall designate the secretary of the Board  
16 and shall provide the Secretariat and other support services to implement  
17 the provisions of this Act.

18 SEC. 10. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Board, with  
19 the approval of the Commission, shall adopt and promulgate such rules and  
20 regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act as approved by the  
21 Commission, which shall be effective fifteen (15) days following their  
22 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) major daily newspapers of  
23 general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

24 SEC. 11. *Annual Report.* – The Board shall, at the close of each  
25 calendar year, submit an annual report to the President of the Philippines  
26 through the Professional Regulation Commission, giving a detailed account  
27 of its proceedings and accomplishments during the year and making  
28 recommendations for the adoption of measures that will upgrade and  
29 improve the conditions affecting the practice of landscape architecture in  
30 the Philippines.



## ARTICLE IV

## EXAMINATION, REGISTRATION AND LICENSE

SEC. 12. *Examination Required.* – Except as otherwise specifically allowed in this Act, all applicants for registration for the practice of landscape architecture shall be required to undergo and pass a written technical examination as provided for in this Act subject to the payment of fees prescribed by the Commission.

SEC. 13. *Qualifications of Applicant for Examination.* – Every applicant for examination shall, prior to admission, establish the following requisites to the satisfaction of the Board:

(a) A citizen of the Philippines or a citizen of a foreign country/state with which the Philippines has reciprocity in the practice of landscape architecture;

(b) A graduate of baccalaureate or postgraduate degree in Landscape Architecture from an academic institution recognized by the CHED of the Philippines or accredited with either the International Federation of Landscape Architects or the American Society of Landscape Architects;

(c) Or in lieu of the preceding, a graduate of a baccalaureate degree in Architecture from an academic institution having at least twenty (20) units of landscape architecture design courses or with at least five (5) years experience in the field of landscape architecture; or a graduate of a baccalaureate degree in Horticulture from an academic institution having at least forty (40) units of landscape architecture design subjects or at least five (5) years experience in the field of landscape architecture: *Provided,* That this shall apply within ten (10) years after the passage of this Act; and

(d) He has not been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude.

SEC. 14. *Scope of Examination.* – (a) The examination for Landscape Architecture shall basically cover the following subjects:

- (1) Landscape Architectural Design and Planning;
- (2) Ecology and Nature Conservation;
- (3) Landscaping Technology and Materials;
- (4) Planting Design and Interior Plantscaping;
- (5) Professional Practice and Ethics; and
- (6) History of Landscape Architecture and Theory of Design.

The said subjects and their syllabi may be amended by the Board so as to conform to technological changes brought about by continuing trends in the profession.

SEC. 15. *Rating in the Board Examinations.* – To be qualified as having passed the board examination for landscape architects, a candidate must obtain a weighted general average of seventy percent (70%), with no grade lower than fifty percent (50%) in any given subject. However, an examinee who obtains a weighted general average rating of seventy percent (70%) or higher but obtains a rating below fifty percent (50%) in any given subject must take the examination in the subject or subjects where he obtained a grade below fifty percent (50%) within two (2) years from the date of his last examination. The subject or subjects retaken must have each a rating of no less than seventy percent (70%) in order to qualify as having passed the examination.

SEC. 16. *Report of Ratings.* – The Board shall submit to the Commission the ratings obtained by each candidate within fifteen (15) days after the examination, unless extended for just cause. Upon the release of the results of the examination, the Board shall send by mail the rating received by each examinee at his given address using the mailing envelope submitted during the examination.

SEC. 17. *Oath.* – All successful candidates in the examination shall be required to take an oath of profession before the Board or any government official authorized to administer oaths, prior to entering upon the practice of the landscape architecture profession.

1           SEC. 18. *Certificate of Registration and Professional License.* – A  
2 certificate of registration shall be issued to applicants who pass the  
3 examination for landscape architects subject to payment of registration  
4 fees.

5           The certificate of registration of professional landscape architects  
6 shall bear the signatures of the Chairperson of the Commission and the  
7 members of the Board stamped with the official seal, indicating that the  
8 person named therein is entitled to practice the profession with all the  
9 privileges allowed under this Act. The certificate shall remain in full force  
10 unless withdrawn, suspended or revoked under the provisions of this Act.

11           A professional license bearing the registration number, date of  
12 issuance, expiry date and duly signed by the Chairperson of the  
13 Commission shall likewise be issued to every registrant who has paid the  
14 required fees until the revocation of his certificate of registration or his  
15 suspension from the practice of landscape architecture either after an  
16 administrative investigation or removal of his name from the roster of  
17 landscape architects or until the expiry of its validity.

18           SEC. 19. *Seal and Use of Seal.* – A duly licensed landscape  
19 architect shall affix the seal approved by the Board of Landscape  
20 Architecture on all plans, drawings, specifications and all other contract  
21 documents prepared by or under his direct supervision.

22           (a) Each registrant shall, upon registration, obtain the seal of such  
23 design as the Board of Landscape Architecture may adopt. Plans and  
24 specifications prepared by or under the supervision of a registered  
25 landscape architect, shall be stamped with the said seal during the validity  
26 of the professional license. No person shall stamp or seal any document  
27 with the seal of a registrant after his professional license has expired or lost  
28 its validity unless he has been reinstated to the practice and/or unless his  
29 license has been renewed.

1 (b) No officer or employee of the government, chartered cities and  
2 municipalities now or hereafter charged with the enforcement of laws,  
3 ordinances or regulations relating to the construction or alteration of the  
4 landscape shall accept or endorse any landscape plan or specification  
5 which have not been prepared and submitted in full accord with the  
6 provisions of this Act, nor shall any payment be approved by any such  
7 officer for any work, the plans and specifications of which have not been so  
8 prepared, signed and sealed by a duly licensed landscape architect:  
9 *Provided*, That the cost of construction or alteration of the landscape shall  
10 be more than Three hundred fifty thousand pesos (P350,000.00).

11 (c) No landscape architect shall sign his/her name, affix his/her seal  
12 or use any other method of signature on plans, specifications or other  
13 documents made by or under another landscape architect's supervision  
14 unless the same is made in such manner as to clearly indicate the part of  
15 such work or any function of landscape architecture practice not actually  
16 performed by him/her. The landscape architect in charge shall be fully  
17 responsible for all plans, specifications, and other documents issued under  
18 his/her seal or authorized signature.

19 The Board shall formulate, adopt and promulgate all necessary rules  
20 and regulations for the effective implementation of the provisions relating  
21 to the design of the seal, the signing and sealing of drawings,  
22 specifications, report and other documents by landscape architects.

23 (d) Drawings and specifications duly signed, stamped or sealed as  
24 instruments of service are the property and documents of the landscape  
25 architect, whether the project for which they were made is executed or not.  
26 No person without the written consent of the landscape architect or author  
27 of said documents shall duplicate or make copies of said documents for use  
28 in the repetition of and for other projects or buildings, whether executed  
29 partly or in whole.

1 (e) All drawings, specifications and other documents to be used for  
2 the construction, renovation or refurbishing of landscape works shall be  
3 signed and sealed by a licensed landscape architect.

4 Violation of any of the foregoing shall be a ground for  
5 administrative and/or criminal action.

6 SEC. 20. *Indication of License and Privilege Tax Receipt.* – The  
7 landscape architect shall be required to indicate his professional license  
8 number, the duration of validity, including the privilege tax receipt number  
9 on the documents he signs, uses or issues in connection with the practice of  
10 his profession.

11 SEC. 21. *Refusal to Issue Certificates of Registration and*  
12 *Professional License.* – The Board shall refuse to register and/or issue a  
13 certificate of registration and a professional license to any person who has  
14 been convicted by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction of  
15 any criminal offense involving moral turpitude, guilty of immoral or  
16 dishonorable conduct or judicially declared of unsound mind. It shall issue  
17 a written statement setting forth in detail the reasons for such action, a copy  
18 of which shall be incorporated in the records of the Board. A party whose  
19 rights are adversely affected by such action of the Board may apply for  
20 relief with the Court of Appeals after having exhausted administrative  
21 remedies.

22 SEC. 22. *Suspension and Revocation of Certificates, Cancellation*  
23 *of Temporary/Special Permit.* – The Board shall have the power, upon due  
24 notice and hearing, to revoke or suspend the professional license of a  
25 landscape architect, or to cancel a temporary/special permit for any cause  
26 specified in the preceding sections, or for the use or perpetuation of any  
27 fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate of registration, or for  
28 incompetence, negligence or gross ignorance or for abetment of the illegal  
29 practice of landscape architecture, or chronic inebriety or habitual use of  
30 drugs; violation of the provisions of this Act, its implementing Rules and

1 Regulations and/or in violations of policies of the Board including the  
2 Code of Ethics for Landscape Architects: *Provided, however,* That such  
3 action of the Board shall be subject to appeal to the Commission whose  
4 decision shall be final but without prejudice to the right of the aggrieved  
5 party to apply with the Court of Appeals for appropriate relief.

6 SEC. 23. *Reissuance of Revoked Certificates of Registration and*  
7 *Professional License.* –The Board may, after the expiry of two (2) years  
8 from the date of revocation of a certificate of registration or a professional  
9 license, for reason of equity and justice or when the cause for revocation  
10 has disappeared or and for other reasons it may deem sufficient, entertain  
11 an application for a new certificate of registration and a professional  
12 license from a person whose certificate or license has been revoked. In  
13 doing so, it may in its discretion, exempt the applicant from the necessity  
14 of undergoing an examination. It may also replace certificates of  
15 registration and licenses which have been lost after payment of required  
16 fees.

17 ARTICLE V

18 PRACTICE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

19 SEC. 24. *Vested Rights: Automatic Registration of Landscape*  
20 *Architects.* – All landscape architects who are registered at the time this  
21 Act takes effect shall automatically be registered.

22 SEC. 25. *Registration Without Examination.* – Any of the following  
23 persons may register as landscape architects without examinations:

24 (a) All landscape architects who have taken at least sixty (60)  
25 academic units of Landscape Architecture and have been practicing for ten  
26 (10) years prior to effectivity of this law; and

27 (b) All architects and/or environmental planners, whether registered  
28 and licensed or not, who have been practicing landscape architecture for  
29 ten (10) years prior to effectivity of this law and who can show proof of  
30 practice.

1 Their applications for registration shall be filed with the  
2 Professional Regulation Commission within two (2) years from the  
3 effectivity of this law, subject to review by the Board of Landscape  
4 Architecture.

5 SEC. 26. *Practice Not Allowed for Firms and Corporations.* – The  
6 practice of landscape architecture is a professional service, admission to  
7 which is based on an individual's qualifications. No firm, company,  
8 partnership, association or corporation may be licensed as such for the  
9 practice of landscape architecture: *Provided, however,* That persons  
10 properly licensed and registered as licensed architects may among  
11 themselves, or with persons properly registered and licensed in any field  
12 related to landscape architecture such as town/urban planning, civil  
13 engineering, architecture and interior design and forestry may form and  
14 obtain registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)  
15 for a firm, partnership, association, or corporation using the terms such as  
16 'Landscape Architects', 'Landscape Architects and Planners', 'Architects  
17 and Landscape Architects' or any such appropriate term, but nobody shall  
18 be a member, partner or associate unless he is a duly registered and  
19 licensed design professional and the members who are landscape architects  
20 shall only render work and services proper for a landscape architect as  
21 defined in this Act. Such partnerships or corporations shall serve as  
22 vehicles for licensed professionals to practice their professions.

23 SEC. 27. *Integration of the Landscape Architecture Profession.* –  
24 The landscape architecture profession shall be integrated into one national  
25 organization, which shall be recognized by the Board and accredited by the  
26 Commission as the one and only integrated and accredited association of  
27 landscape architects. A landscape architect duly registered with the Board  
28 shall automatically become a member of the integrated national  
29 organization and shall receive the benefits and privileges provided for in  
30 this Act upon payment of the required fees and dues. Membership in the

1 integrated organization shall not be a bar to membership in other  
2 associations of landscape architects.

3 SEC. 28. *Foreign Reciprocity.* – No foreign landscape architect  
4 shall be registered and issued a certificate of registration and professional  
5 license to practice the landscape architecture profession or consultancy  
6 thereof or be entitled to any of the rights and privileges under this Act  
7 unless the country of which he is a subject or citizen specifically permits  
8 Filipino landscape architects to practice within its territorial limits on the  
9 same basis as the subjects or citizens of such foreign state or country.

10 SEC. 29. *Coverage of Temporary/Special Permits.* – Foreign  
11 nationals who have gained entry in the Philippines to perform professional  
12 services as landscape architects or consultants in foreign-funded, joint  
13 venture, assisted projects of the government, or employed, or engaged by  
14 Philippine or foreign contractors or private firms shall, before assuming his  
15 duties, functions and responsibilities, secure a special temporary permit  
16 from the Professional Regulatory Commission through the Board of  
17 Landscape Architecture to practice his profession in connection with the  
18 project to which he was commissioned, provided that certain conditions are  
19 satisfied as follows:

20 (a) That he is a citizen or subject of a country which specifically  
21 permits a Filipino professional to practice his profession within its  
22 territorial limits on the same basis as the subjects or citizens of such  
23 foreign country or state;

24 (b) That he is legally qualified to practice landscape architecture in  
25 his own country, and that his expertise is necessary and advantageous to  
26 our own country particularly in the aspects of technology transfer and  
27 specialization; and

28 (c) Foreign nationals shall be required to work with a Filipino  
29 counterpart, and professional fees, services, and expenses of  
30 documentation pertaining to the project shall be shared by both foreign and



Filipino landscape architects, including liabilities and taxes due the Philippine government, if any, according to their participation in, or professional services rendered to the project.

SEC. 30. *Appropriations.* – Such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

## ARTICLE VI

### FINAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 31. *Enforcement.* – The Professional Regulation Commission shall be the enforcement agency of the Board. As such, the Commission shall implement the concerned provisions of this Act, enforce its implementing rules and regulations as adopted by the Board, conduct investigations for the Board on complaints against violators of this Act, its rules and regulations including violations of the Code of Conduct of landscape architecture and other policies of the Board.

SEC. 32. *Illegal Practice of Landscape Architecture and Penalties.*  
– No person shall practice landscape architecture in the Philippines or use the title ‘Landscape Architect’ or words, letters, figures, signs and cards or other means to indicate in any manner whatsoever that he is qualified to perform the work of a landscape architect such as by the use of titles such as ‘Landscape Consultant’, ‘Landscape Designer’, ‘Landscape Engineer’, ‘Landscape Artist’, ‘Landscape Agriculturist’, ‘Landscape Horticulturist’, ‘Landscape Planner’, ‘Site Planner’ or similar terms that suggest the work of a landscape architect, unless he has been issued a certificate of registration and a professional license or a temporary permit by the Board of Landscape Architecture and the Commission.

Any person who shall practice or offer to practice landscape architecture in the Philippines without being registered or exempted from registration, or without a certificate of registration and professional license

1 or a temporary permit in accordance with the provisions of this Act; or any  
2 person presenting or attempting to use as his own the certificate of  
3 registration and professional license or seal of another; or any person who  
4 shall give any false or forged evidence of any kind to the Board or any of  
5 its members in obtaining a certificate of registration or professional license;  
6 or any person who shall falsely impersonate any registrant with like or  
7 different name; or any person who shall attempt to use a revoked or  
8 suspended certificate of registration or an invalid or expired professional  
9 license; or any person who shall use or advertise any title or description  
10 tending to convey the impression that he is a landscape architect when he is  
11 not; or any person who shall violate any provisions of this Act and to its  
12 rules and regulations and the code of ethics of the profession, shall upon  
13 conviction by the court suffer penalties.

14 The penalties for the mentioned illegal practices shall be not less  
15 than Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00), nor more than Two hundred  
16 thousand pesos (P200,000.00), or imprisonment of not less than six (6)  
17 months nor more than three (3) years, or both fine and imprisonment at the  
18 discretion of the court.

19 SEC. 33. *Separability Clause.* – If any clause, provision, paragraph  
20 or part thereof shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such  
21 judgement shall not affect, invalidate or impair any other part hereof, but  
22 such judgement shall be merely confined to the clause, provision,  
23 paragraph or part directly involved in the controversy in which such  
24 judgement has been rendered.

25 SEC. 34. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders  
26 and other administrative issuances and part thereof which are inconsistent  
27 with the provisions of this Act are hereby modified, superseded or repealed  
28 accordingly.

- 1           SEC. 35. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
- 2 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or a major daily newspaper
- 3 of general circulation in the Philippines, whichever comes earlier.

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