



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



RESOLUTION NO. 2012- 673
Series of 2012

SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVITY OF SECTION 5 AND SECTION 17 OF RESOLUTION 2012-668 SERIES OF 2012 ENTITLED THE "GUIDELINES IN IMPLEMENTING SECTION 7, PARAGRAPHS (j), (l) AND SECTION 16 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8981, CALLED THE PRC MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2000, AND THE PERTINENT PROVISION OF THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY LAWS, THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON THE PRACTICE OF FOREIGN PROFESSIONALS IN THE PHILIPPINES", WITH RESPECT TO SUBSECTION E, SECTION 2 THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulation Commission is mandated to regulate the practice of foreign professionals in the Philippines, pursuant to Section 7 paragraphs (j), (l) and Section 16 of Republic Act No. 8981 or the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000."

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2012, the Professional Regulation Commission Issued Resolution No. 2012-668, s. 2012, entitled "Guidelines In Implementing Section 7, Paragraphs (j), (l) and Section 16 of Republic Act No. 8981, called the PRC Modernization Act of 2000, and the pertinent provision of the Professional Regulatory Laws, the General Agreement on Trade in Services, and other International Agreements on the Practice of Foreign Professionals in the Philippines."

WHEREAS, representations were made to the Professional Regulation Commission by various stakeholders, both local and overseas, for the reduction and/or elimination of the fees to be paid and rationalization of the liability insurance requirement of covered foreign health professionals who will be engaged in humanitarian missions in the country, considering the benevolent nature of the services offered by these foreign professionals.

WHEREAS, in the midst of natural calamities that caused substantial loss of lives and attendant medical and dental needs of affected Filipinos and their families, an influx of foreign health professionals seeking to extend medical assistance through the conduct of humanitarian missions in the Philippines is expected and desirable.

WHEREAS, in a meeting with the PRC Chairperson and the members of the concerned Professional Regulatory Boards held last August 14, 2012, a consensus was arrived at to suspend the effectivity of Section 5 and Section 17 of Resolution No. 2012-668, series of 2012 with respect to subsection E, Section 2 thereof, until further notice by the Professional Regulation Commission and upon recommendation of the said Professional Regulatory Boards.

WHEREFORE, the Commission RESOLVES, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to suspend temporarily the effectivity of Section 5 and Section 17 of Resolution No. 2012-668, series of 2012 with respect to subsection E, Section 2 thereof.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately following its full and complete publication in the Official Gazette or in any daily major newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Let a copy hereof be furnished to the UP Law Center, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Bureau of Immigration (BI), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and to all concerned derivative agencies for their information and guidance as well as for their dissemination or circularization.

DONE in the City of Manila this 22nd day of August 2012.


TERESITA B. MANZALA
Chairperson


ALFREDO Y. PO
Commissioner


JENNIFER JARDIN-MANALILI
Commissioner

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