

Nursing Law 9173 Revision

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I. Rationale





- Nursing Law should move the profession into the future
- Nursing Roadmap (2010-2030) – the profession strategies/initiatives should be facilitated by Nursing Law
- Many of the Board of Nursing initiatives and projects will be supported by the law
- Update the Nursing Act of 2002 (9173)

II. Considerations

- Revisions should be made in accordance with present legal Framework like PRC Modernization Act of 2002 and Philippine constitution
- Reconsider radical suggestions including budget constraints
- Careful deliberation of changes
- Allow developmental implementation by not too broad or specific in the provision statement.
- Use of non-controversial terms e.g. religion/ ethics to avoid unnecessary discussion.



III. Proposed Revisions of the Philippine Nursing Act of 2002 (RA 9173)

Article I. Title

- Philippine Nursing Practice Reform Act of 2011



Article II. Declaration of Policy

- Public health safety demands a high level of competency among Filipino nurses. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to guarantee universal access to the delivery of basic quality health services...

Article III. Scope of Nursing Practice

- The practice of the profession of nursing includes the performance of the functions in the nursing service, education, research, leadership and governance
- Scope of Nursing Service
 - A. Beginning Registered Nurse
 - B. Advanced Practice Nurse
 - C. Nursing Service Manager
 - D. Nurse Patient Ratio



Article III. Scope of Nursing Practice

- Scope of Nursing Education
 - A. Basic Nursing Education Program
 - Admission to nursing program shall require require passing the NNAT
 - B. Graduate Nursing Education Program
 - C. Qualifications of Faculty Members
 - Basic Nursing Education
 - Graduate Nursing Education
 - D. Qualifications of Deans
 - E. Faculty-Student Ratio





Article IV. Qualification of the Chairperson and Members of the Board

- At least five years of residency in the Philippines prior to appointment.
- RN in the Philippines and holder of current valid PRC ID
- Holder of masters degree preferably with doctorate degree conferred by an accredited university.
- Must have at least 10 years of continuous practice of the nursing profession prior to appointment, the last five years are in the Philippines.
- Must represent the three areas of nursing education, nursing service and community health nursing.

Article IV. Section 11.

Powers and Duties of the Board

- Ensure the proper conduct of the PNLE considering the process and systems of the commission.
- Issue, suspend, revoke or reissue certificates of registration for the nursing practice and ensure widest publication through electronic and written media.





Article IV. Section 11.

Powers and Duties of the Board

- Ensure quality nursing education by examining and monitoring Higher Education Institutions offering nursing programs. The authority to open nursing programs shall be vested on the Commission on Higher Education only upon the written recommendation of the Board of Nursing.
- Create a council for nursing recognition, accreditation and certification that will assist the Board.
- Make decisions to influence authorities/ agencies on matters that affect directly the nurses welfare.

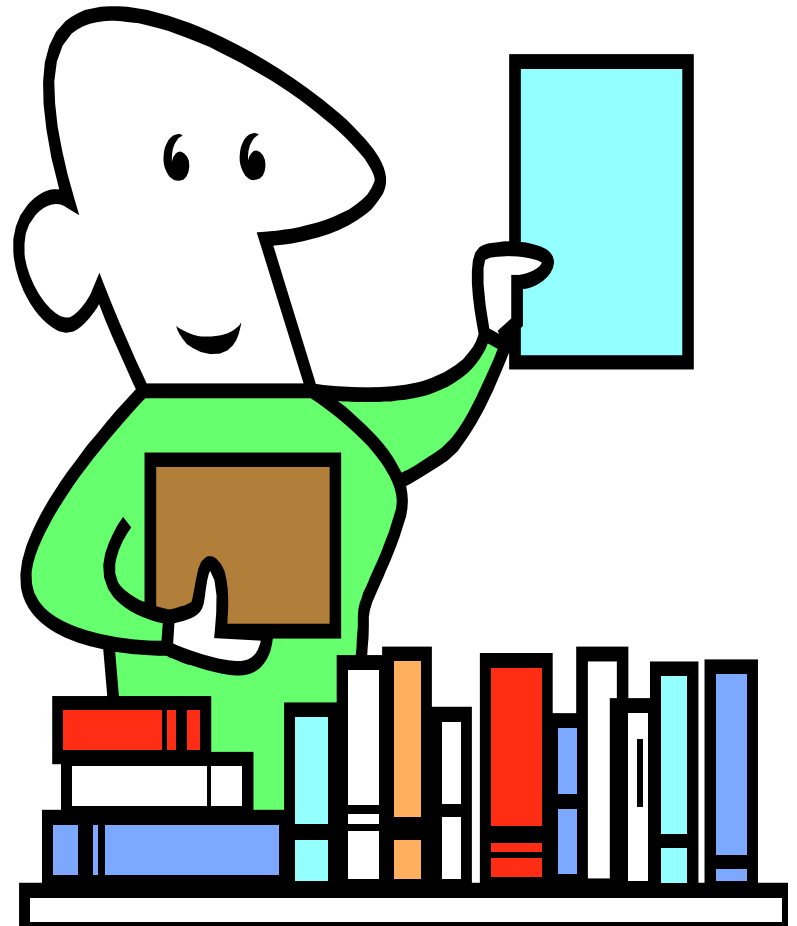


Article V. Examination and Registration

- Sec. 15 Qualification for Admission to the PNLE
 - In order to be admitted to the examination for nurses, an applicant from the time of graduation must file immediately his her application ...
- Sec. 16 Scope of Examination the PNLE shall be based on competency-based framework

Article V. Examination and Registration

- Sec. 17 Rating- In order to pass the examination an examinee must obtain at least seventy five (75%) of tested areas of competencies. An examinee shall be given a chance to repeat the PNLE with a maximum of three (3) examinations.
- Sec. 21 Automatic Registration of Nurses-All nurses whose names appear at the roaster of nurses shall ipso facto be registered as nurses and as members of the PRC accredited organization.





Article VI. Human Resource for Health Production, Utilization and Development

- Sec. 28 National Career progression program – there shall be an institutionalized national career progression program ..
- Sec.29 Compensation ... the minimum base pay of nurses working in public and private health and health related institutions shall be in accordance with prevailing salary standards set by law for professionals and shall not be lower than salary grade 15 following the provision of the salary standardization law.

Article VI. Human Resource for Health Production, Utilization and Development

- Sec. 30 Funding for the development of the national career progression program for nursing.
 - A. Ten percent (10%) of annual budget of the DOH as specified by the General Appropriation Act
 - B. Ten percent (10%) of the income of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes office and PAGCOR which shall be released to the DOH
 - C. Twenty percent (20%) of the PRC income from the registration of nursing profession



Article VII. Penal and Miscellaneous Provision

- Sec. 33 The fine for violators of the law was considerably increased.
 - 1) Classifications of Offenses:
 - 2) Violation against code of Ethics and public morals
 - 3) Violations against professional standards
 - 4) Violations against human/patient's rights
 - 5) Other offenses



IV. Status of the Project

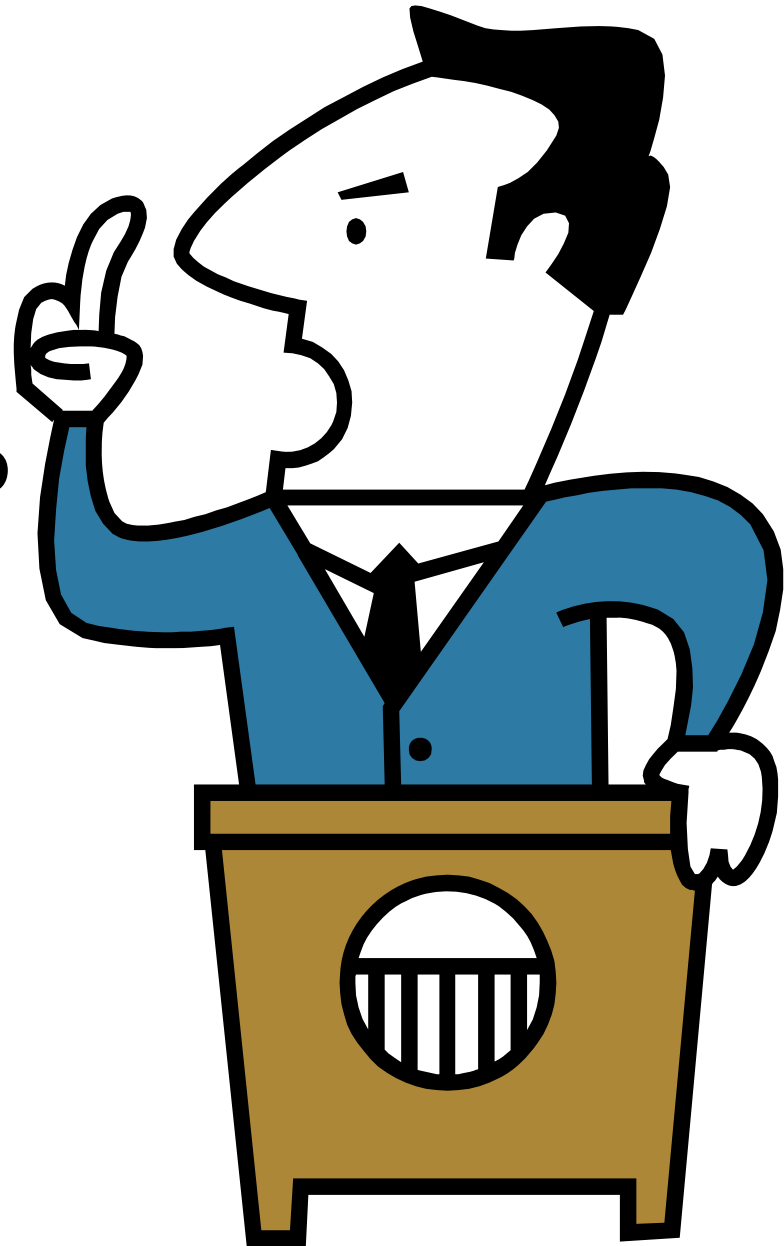




- Filed in Congress by Congressman Carlos Padilla House Bill 4567, May 5, 2011
- Filed in Senate by Ralph Recto Senate Bill 2988, October 10, 2011

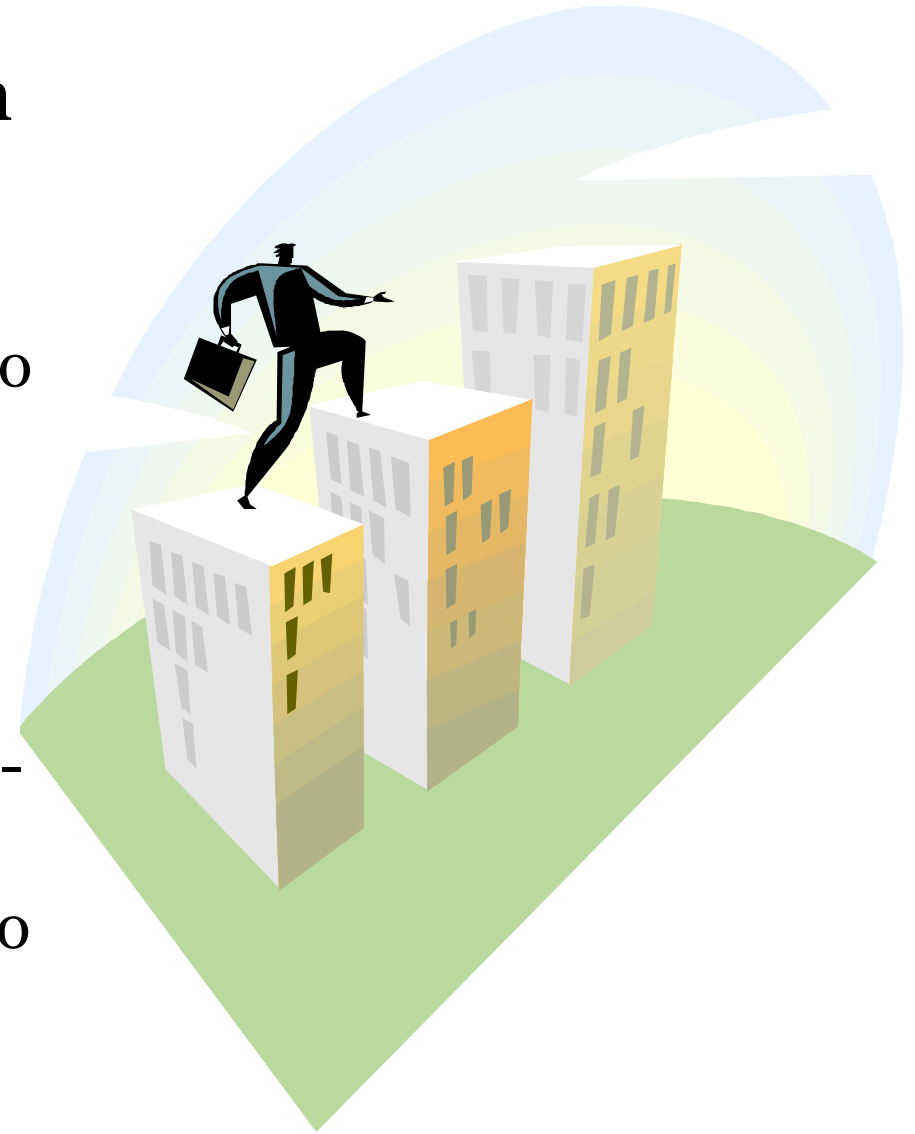
V. Call to Action

- Search for legislative champions in both Congress and Senate
- Advocacy activities to show support to the proposed revisions
- Need to provide evidence, statistics, position paper to support revisions

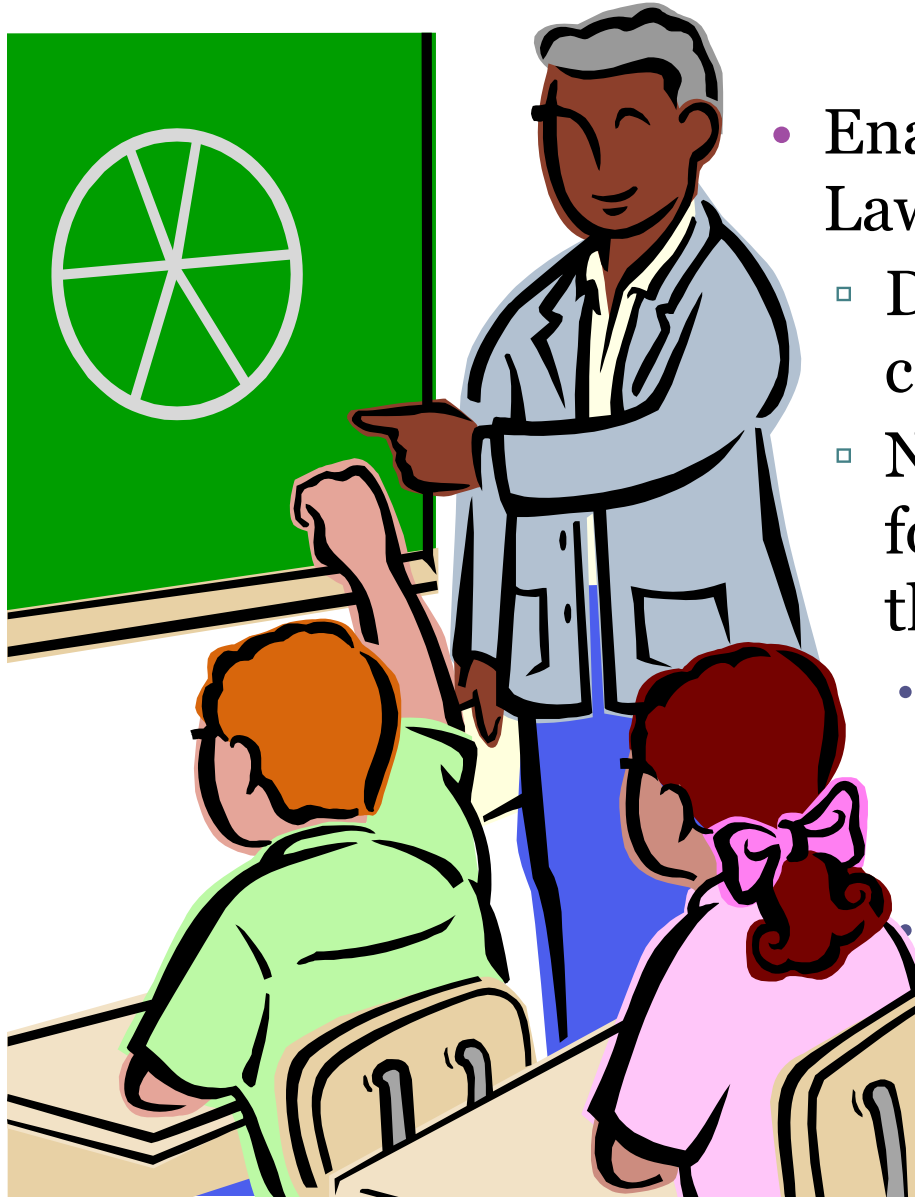


- Wide- based information dissemination – Public hearing

- NCR – – Nov. 15, 2011, 1 to 4pm
- Visayas – Cebu – Nov. 7, 2011, 1 to 4pm
- Mindanao – Davao – San Pedro College of Nursing - Nov. 17, 2011, 1 to 4pm
- Baguio - Nov. 23, 2011, 1 to 4pm



VI. Ultimate Goal



- Enactment of the Nursing Law by 2012
 - Development of the a comprehensive IRR
 - Nation –wide campaign for full implementation of the Nursing Law
- Make Nursing a vital force to promote health development.
- Attain the vision of Philippine Nursing:



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