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**PNA, INC. POSITION STATEMENT ON SECTION 22
(INTEGRATION OF THE NURSING PROFESSION)
OF SENATE BILL NO. 2720**

It is the Philippine Nurses Association, Inc. (PNA) position that Sec. 22 of Senate Bill 2720 should be revised to wit:

“SEC. 22 – ACCREDITED INTEGRATED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION (AIPO) - The Board, subject to the approval of the Commission, shall accredit a Nursing Professional Organization as the one and only Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO) of registered nurses.

Membership in the Accredited Integrated Professional Organization shall not be a bar to membership in other nursing organizations.”

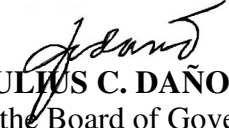
The PNA finds the current version of Sec. 22 of Senate Bill 2720 very limiting and restrictive:


“SEC 22. INTEGRATION OF THE NURSING PROFESSION - The nursing profession shall be integrated into one (1) national professional organization of nurses that is duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The board, subject to approval of the commission shall accredit the said organization as the one and only Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO) of registered nurses. All nurses whose names appear in the Registry of Nurses shall *ipso facto* or automatically become members thereof shall receive all the benefits and privileges appurtenant thereto upon payment of AIPO membership fees and dues.


Membership in the Accredited Integrated Professional Organization shall not be a bar to membership in other nursing organizations.”


It failed to recognize that there are already existing twenty eight (28) organizations of nursing professionals, specialty groups and interest groups that represent the general welfare and interest of the nursing sector locally and internationally. Said bill imposes upon the nursing profession to create another integrated organization to represent the nursing profession to the exclusion of all other existing organizations. Likewise, the said bill violates the right to freedom of association of all nurses by making them automatic member of the said integrated organization.


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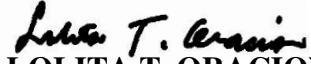

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