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ABELLANOSA, NOGRALES, SY-ALVARADO, TAN (A.) AND SEÑERES, PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 994

AN ACT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NEW GRADUATES BY
WAIVING GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED
IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF DOCUMENTS
REQUIRED IN THEIR APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to
2 protect the interest of the youth. It shall endeavor to provide them
3 opportunities for development by creating policies that will improve their
4 access to employment.

5 SEC. 2. *Waiver of Fees and Charges.* – Subject to exceptions
6 provided in Section 4 of this Act, all government agencies and
7 instrumentalities, including government-owned and -controlled corporations
8 (GOCCs), and local government units (LGUs) shall not collect fees or charges
9 from new graduates: *Provided,* That such fee or charge is paid in connection
10 with the application for and the granting of licenses, proofs of identification,
11 clearances, certificates, or other documents usually required in the course of

1 employment: *Provided, further,* That the application for such license, proof of
2 identification, clearance, certificate, or other documents is submitted within
3 one (1) year after graduating from high school, college or any vocational or
4 technical course.

5 SEC. 3. *Proof of Graduation.* – A copy of the new graduate's diploma
6 or a certification from the concerned academic, vocational or technical
7 institution that the said graduate has successfully completed the course
8 required must be submitted before the waiver authorized under this Act can be
9 availed of. The diploma or certification should clearly state the date of
10 graduation or completion of the degree earned, and should be signed by the
11 institution's duly authorized representative.

12 Such copy of the diploma or the certification submitted shall serve as
13 *prima facie* evidence of the fact of graduation and shall be sufficient for the
14 government agency concerned to grant the waiver: *Provided,* That any person
15 found to be guilty of fabricating or falsifying any proof of graduation as
16 described in this section shall be liable under Article 172 of the Revised Penal
17 Code.

18 SEC. 4. *Exceptions.* – The fees and charges to be waived shall not
19 include those collected in connection with an application to take a professional
20 licensure examination conducted by the Professional Regulation Commission
21 or an application for a Philippine passport.

22 SEC. 5. *Administrative Offenses.* – No government agency or
23 instrumentality shall issue unduly restrictive regulations which will render
24 nugatory the benefit of the waiver as prescribed under this Act. Such shall
25 constitute an administrative offense punishable under the Administrative Code
26 and other pertinent laws.

27 SEC. 6. *Interagency Monitoring Committee.* – An interagency
28 monitoring committee is hereby created with the Executive Secretary as

1 Chairperson, and the heads of the Civil Service Commission, the Department
2 of Labor and Employment, the Department of Finance, the Department of
3 Education, the Commission on Higher Education and other departments whose
4 participation the committee may deem necessary as its members. The
5 committee shall monitor the compliance of the concerned government agencies
6 and instrumentalities, and may recommend to the proper authorities the filing
7 of an administrative complaint against any person who refuses to comply with
8 the provisions of this Act.

9 SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared
10 unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the other provisions shall
11 not be affected thereby.

12 SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, ordinances,
13 rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby
14 repealed or modified accordingly.

15 SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
16 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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