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Professional Regulation Commission PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MEDIA RELATIONS SECTION Press Statement

MANDATORY CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE) BILLS IN CONGRESS

Continuing Professional Education (CPE) may soon become mandatory once the pending bills on mandatory CPE filed are approved by Congress. This development Congressman Rufus B. Rodriguez disclosed during a seminar on amendments of the various professional regulatory laws held at the Occupational Safety and Health Center in Quezon City on November 23, 2011. In said seminar, he also cited the need for an action plan to fast track the passage of amendatory bills of several professional regulatory laws filed in Congress.

Under the aegis of the Philippine Association of Professional Regulatory Boards, Inc. (PAPRB), the professional regulatory boards and some accredited professional organizations met to discuss the status of the professional regulatory bills filed in the Senate and House of Representatives. They also sought to formulate an action plan to facilitate the approval of the professional regulatory bills pending in either or both Houses of Congress and to forge cooperation among them on the passage of professional regulatory bills and harmonization of conflicts/overlaps in the practice of some professions.

Professional Regulation Commission Chairperson Teresita R. Manzala, in her message to the PRBs, expressed the Commission's support to the amendments of the professional regulatory laws. In line with this, she pointed out that PRC has constituted a legislative liaison committee to assist the professional regulatory boards in the amendment of their respective laws.

Aside from Congressman Rufus B. Rodriguez and Chairperson Manzala, representatives from the House Committee on Rules and the office of Senator Antonio Trillanes and PRC Commissioner Jennifer Jardin-Manalili attended the seminar.