



Professional Regulation Commission

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Board of Chemistry

Board Position on Senate Bill No. 914

The Board of Chemistry strongly supports Senate Bill No. 914 : AN ACT TO REGULATE AND MODERNIZE THE PRACTICE OF CHEMISTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 754 ENTITLED “AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF CHEMISTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES”, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

There is an urgent need to update the Chemistry Law (RA 754), enacted in 1952, to make it more responsive to developments in Chemistry, science and technology, and environmental issues; to keep abreast with international standards and be globally competitive.

We support the important changes which the Senate Bill No. 914 embody. They include the following:

1. Updating of the definition of chemistry and the more detailed description of its scope, which will address the issue of possible overlap with other professions like chemical engineering and pharmacy.
2. A more detailed description for the practice of chemical technicians
3. Inclusion of Biochemistry in the examination coverage for chemists.
4. Measures which will make the professional practice of chemistry more globally competitive have been introduced.
5. The authority of the Board of Chemistry to supervise chemical laboratories is strengthened. This will ensure that minimum quality standards are maintained.
6. A requirement for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) for the continuous training of professional chemists is introduced.

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