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PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF GEOLOGY  
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IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10166, KNOWN AS THE  
"GEOLOGY PROFESSION ACT OF 2012"

Pursuant to Section 7,(h) and Section 6, of Article II of Republic Act No. 10166, "An Act Regulating the Practice of Geology in the Philippines, Repealing Republic Act Numbered Four Thousand Two Hundred Nine (R.A. No. 4209), otherwise known as "Geology Profession Act of the Philippines" and for other Purposes", the Professional Regulatory Board of Geology, herein-after-called the Board, after review and approval of the Professional Regulation Commission, herein-after-referred to as the Commission, hereby adopts, issues, and promulgates this resolution embodying the following Rules and Regulations to carry out, administer, and enforce the provisions of R.A. No. 10166.

RULE I

TITLE OF THE RULES, STATEMENT OF POLICY, OBJECTIVES, DEFINITION OF TERMS, AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE

SECTION 1. *Title* – The Rules shall be known as "THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10166, known as the "Geology Profession Act of 2012"; for brevity, it may be cited as the "IRR of R.A. No. 10166", or merely the IRR.

SEC. 2. *Statement of Policy* – It is the declared policy of the State to supervise and regulate the practice of geology which is vital to national development; and to upgrade geology education and the quality of geologists whose standards of professional practice shall be excellent, world-class and globally competitive through regulatory measures, programs, and activities.

The IRR shall be interpreted, construed, and carried out in the light of the above statement which embodies the legislative intent in enacting R.A. No. 10166, pursuant to the provisions of the Philippine Constitution under Secs. 5 & 17, Art. II, and Sec. 1, Art. XIV thereof.

SEC. 3. *Objectives* – The Rules shall govern, but not limited to, the following:

- a) the examination, registration, and licensure of the geology profession;
- b) the supervision, control, and regulation of the practice of geology;
- c) the development of the professional competence of geologists through continuing professional/development education; and
- d) the integration of the geology profession.

SEC. 4. *Definition of Terms* – As used in the Rules, the following terms shall mean as follows:

- a) Practice of Geology – refers to the offering or rendering of services of any of specialized branches of geology for a fee, reward, or compensation, paid to him/her or through another person or persons, or even without such reward or compensation.

- b) Board refer to the Professional Regulatory Board of Geology created by R.A. No. 10166,
- c) Commission refers to the Professional Regulation Commission created by R.A. No. 8981, called the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000"
- d) Accredited Professional Organization (APO) / Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO) – the latter refers to the integrated professional organization duly accredited by the Board and the Commission. The subsisting APO, the Geological Society of the Philippines, Inc., may apply for as AIPO, being the APO when R.A. No. 10166 became effective.
- e) Continuing Professional Development/Education (CPD/E) – refers to the inculcation, assimilation, and acquisition of knowledge, skills, proficiency, and ethical and moral values, after the initial registration of a professional that raises, and enhances the professionals technical skills and competence, and moral, ethical character, reputation and attitude.

SEC. 5. *Scope of Practice* – The scope of practice of a geologist shall include, but not limited to, the following :

- a) General geological survey or mapping, whether onshore or offshore, to identify different types of rocks, geologic structures, metallic and non-metallic mineral deposits and/or energy resources such as petroleum, gas, coal, geothermal systems as well as ground water resources;
- b) Exploration for metallic and non-metallic mineral resources outside active mining areas and/or mine exploration to locate extension or mineral deposits inside mine operating areas;
- c) Geological exploration for energy resources like petroleum, gas and coal, nuclear minerals, and/or geothermal resources;
- d) Study of geohazards due to faulting, volcanism, ground subsidence, groundwater pollution, weathering and erosion; their characteristics and impact on housing and infrastructure projects and the environment;
- e) Hydrogeological studies which include search for underground water resources and determining their characteristics, location, depth and volume, including groundwater vulnerability assessment;
- f) Investigation and study of the physical and geomechanical characteristics of rocks and soils;
- g) Gathering, processing and evaluation of geologic data for environmental assessment and management, including conservation and biodiversity projects;
- h) Data processing, petrology, mineragraphy and laboratory studies that require geological knowledge essential in data interpretation and the preparation of geological reports;
- i) Preparation of geological reports in accordance with best practices and applicable laws and regulations;
- j) Teaching of geological courses in any academic program leading to a professional degree, including refresher and review courses; and
- k) Other geologic work or service which in the assessment and opinion of the Board constitutes the practice of Geology.

The Board subject to review and approval by the Commission may add to, or exclude, any act as the need arises after consultation with the AIPO and the academe, the Commission on the Higher Education (CHED), and the institutions of higher education offering the courses of geology in the Philippines.

## RULE II

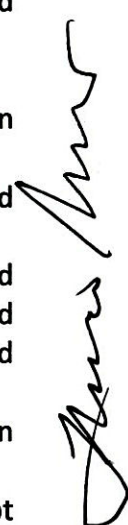
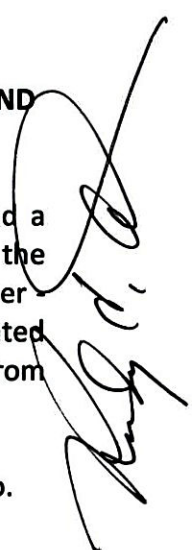
### PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF GEOLOGY; ITS COMPOSITION, POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS

SEC. 6. *Composition of Professional Regulatory Board of Geology* – There is hereby created a professional regulatory Board of Geology, herein-after-referred to as the Board, under the administrative control and supervision of the Professional Regulation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, composed of a chairman, and two (2) members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines from among those recommended by the Commission from nominees of the AIPO.

The new Board shall be constituted not later than six (6) months from the effectivity of R.A. No. 10166.

SEC. 7. *Powers and Duties of the Board* – The Board is hereby vested the following powers and duties;

- a) Supervise and regulate the practice of geology profession;
- b) Determine and evaluate the qualifications of the applicants for registration with Board licensure examination or exemption therefrom;
- c) Prescribe the subjects in the licensure examinations, regular or walk-in, and determine the syllabi and tables of specification (TOS);
- d) Issue together with the Commission certificates of registration and professional identification cards to applicants who have passed the Board licensure examinations for professional geologists or who are exempted therefrom;
- e) Issue temporary/special permits and temporary Professional identification cards to foreign geologists to practice the profession;
- f) Inquire into conditions affecting the practice of the profession and adopt measures for the enhancement and maintenance of high professional, ethical, and technical standards; and pursuant thereto, the Board may inspect establishments where geologists practice their profession such as Mines, Plants, Offices, and the like in order to determine and enforce compliance with the provisions of the Act, and issue Certificates of Compliance for the purpose;
- g) In coordination with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), inspect the facilities, faculty, equipment, and other aspects directly related to the geology program of educational institutions;
- h) Adopt the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) necessary for carrying out the provisions of R.A. No. 10166;
- i) Adopt a Code of Ethics and a Code of Professional and Technical Standards for the practice of geology profession that the AIPO may formulate and prescribe;
- j) Investigate in accordance with the rules on administrative investigation promulgated by the Commission, violations of this Act and its IRR, the Code of Ethics and the Code of Professional and Technical Standards for Geologists, Administrative policies orders and issuances promulgated by the Board;
- k) Issue subpoena *duces tecum* to secure the attendance of witness or the production of documents in connection with administrative cases before the Board;
- l) Hear and decide administrative cases filed against geologists and firms employing the same. The hearing to be presided by the Chairman or a member of the Board with the assistance of an attorney of the Commission. The decision of the Board may be appealed to the Commission and to the Court within fifteen (15) days from notice, otherwise the decision shall become final and executory;



- m) Administer oaths in connection with the performance of its functions;
- n) Adopt an official seal and prescribe the seal of the geology profession;
- o) Submit an annual report on the proceedings and accomplishments during the year and/or recommendation of the Board to the Commission thirty (30) days after the close of each calendar year;
- p) Prosecute or institute criminal action against any violator of R.A. No. 10166 and/or rules and regulations of the Board;
- q) Prescribe guidelines and criteria on the CPE program for geology in consultation with the accredited and integrated of Geologists (AIPO), and Professional Organization of Geologists;
- r) Perform regulatory, administrative, and quasi legislative functions as mandated under Republic Act No. 8981, called the "PRC Modernization Act 2000", and such other functions as may be necessary in order to implement the provisions of R.A. No. 10166.

**SEC. 8. Qualifications of the Chairman and Members of the Board** – The Chairman and members of the Board, at the time of the appointment, shall be:

- a) A natural born citizen and resident of the Philippines;
- b) A holder of at least a bachelor's degree in geology as conferred by a University or School of good standing, recognized and accredited by the government through the CHED;
- c) A registered geologist with a valid certificate of registration and a valid professional identification card and an active practitioner for not less than ten (10) continuous years prior to his/her appointment;
- d) A person who does not have any pecuniary interest, directly or indirectly, in any University, College, School, or Institution conferring an Academic degree necessary for the admission to the practice of geology, or institutions where review classes in preparation for the licensure examinations for geologists are being officially offered or conducted; nor shall he/she be a member of the faculty or of the administration thereof prior to appointment to the Board; and
- e) A member of the AIPO but not a trustee or national officer thereof.

**SEC. 9. Terms of Office** – The chairman and every member of the Board shall hold office for a term of three (3) years or until their successors shall have been duly appointed. They may be reappointed for another term of three (3) years immediately after the expiry of their term but in no case shall the whole term exceed six (6) years for the term as chairman or a member. Interim vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term only. The chairman and members shall and members shall qualify by taking the proper oaths prior to assumption of office. The pertinent provisions of E.O. No. 496, Series of 1991 shall be applicable to the nomination, recommendation, and appointment of the chairman and member of the Board.

**SEC. 10. Custodian of Records, Secretariat and Support** - All records of the Board, including application for examinations, examination papers and results, minutes of meetings deliberations of administrative and other investigative cases involving the Board shall be kept by the Commission.

The Commission shall designate the Secretary of the Board and shall provide secretariat and other support services to implement the provisions of R.A. No. 10166 and the Rules.

**SEC. 11. Grounds for Suspension or Removal of Board Chairman/Members** – The president, upon the recommendations of the Commission after due process and administrative investigation conducted by the Commission, may remove or suspend a chairman or member of the board on any of the following grounds;

- a) Gross neglect, incompetence or dishonesty in the discharge of their duty
- b) Violation of any of the causes/grounds and the prohibitive acts provided in this Act and the offenses in the Revised Penal Code, the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices, and other laws; or
- c) Manipulation or rigging of the results of the Board licensure examination for Geologists disclosure of secret and confidential information on the examination questions prior to the conduct thereof or tampering of grades.

The provisions of Sec. 15 of R.A. No. 8981 shall suppletorily apply to Sec. 11 ( c )

SEC. 12. *Compensation of the Board* – The Chairman and Members of the Board shall receive compensation and allowances comparable to that being received by the Chairman and Members of other Professional Regulatory Boards under the Commission as provided for in its General Appropriation Act for the year. A joint circular issued by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Commission shall apply to this provision.

SEC. 13. *Annual Report* – The Board shall submit an annual report to the Commission after the close of each fiscal year giving detailed account of Board proceedings during the year and embodying such recommendations as the Board may desire to make.

### RULE III

#### LICENSURE EXAMINATION AND REGISTRATION

SEC. 14. *Passing Licensure Examination Requirement* – Except as otherwise specifically allowed under this R.A. No. 10166 and the Rules, applicants for registration for the practice of geology shall be required to pass a Board licensure examination for geologists as provided for in R.A. No. 10166 and under the Rules.

SEC. 15. *Scope of Examination* – In the Board licensure examination for geologists, the scope of examinations, methods, and procedures shall be prescribed by the Board. The said examination shall cover, but not limited to the following major subjects and subtopics:

- a) General Geology :
  - 1) Principles of Geology
  - 2) Stratigraphy and Historical Geology
  - 3) Structural Geology
  - 4) Geomorphology
- b) Petrology and Mineralogy:
  - 1) Chemistry, Crystallography, Physical Properties and Minerals
  - 2) Common Rock Forming Minerals
  - 3) Petrographic Techniques
  - 4) Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic Rocks
- c) Applied Geology:
  - 1) Geology as a Profession
  - 2) Analytical Methods and Tools
  - 3) Geologic Resources

The Board, subject to approval by the Commission may revise or exclude any of the subjects and their syllabi, and TOS and add new ones as the need arises to conform to technological changes brought about by continuing trends in the profession: *Provided*, that detailed syllabi and TOS of the above examinations covering the whole aspects of the geology professions and practice shall be prepared by the Board.

**SEC. 16. Holding of Examination** – Examination of candidates applying for registration as geologist shall be given at least once a year in such places and dates as the Commission may designate in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 8981, called the “PRC Modernization Act of 2000”, and the IRR thereof or the Annual Master Schedules on the Board Licensure Examinations.

**SEC. 17. Qualification for Examinations** – The qualifications required for applicants to the Board licensure examination for the geologists are the following:

- a) He/she is a citizen of the Philippines or a foreign citizen whose country has reciprocity agreement with the Philippines;
- b) A graduate of a school, institute, college or university recognized by the government through the CHED been conferred the Bachelor of Science in Geology, Bachelor of Science in Geological Engineering, Master of Science in Geology, or any of their equivalent degrees;
- c) Has good moral character, and
- d) Has not been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of an offense involving moral turpitude.
- e) Transcript of Record, College Diploma, Certificate of Live Birth, Marriage Contract, picture w/name tag (passport size) and latest community tax certificate.

**SEC. 18. Refusal to Register** – The Board shall not register any successful applicant for registration with or without license examination for geologists who has been:

- a) Convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude by a court of competent jurisdiction;
- b) Found guilty of immoral or dishonorable conduct by the Board;
- c) Adjudged guilty for violation of the General Instruction to Examinees by the Board; and
- d) Declared of unsound mind by a court of competent jurisdiction.

In refusing such registration, the Board shall give the applicant a written statement setting forth the reasons therefore and shall file a copy thereof in its records.

The PRC Rules on Administration Investigation in the Professional Regulation and Professional Regulatory Boards shall be the basis for the proceeding under this Section.

**SEC. 19. Prohibition from Practicing Geology** – No person shall practice geology or render geological services without a valid certificate of registration and a valid professional identification card or without restore this temporary/special permit granted by the Board and the Commission.

**SEC. 20. Who may Practice of Geology** – Duly registered professional geologists may form partnerships among themselves and use the title “Geologist” or Registered Geologist” in their partnership name. Except as may be otherwise provided in and only persons properly licensed and registered may practice geology in the country.

The Board subject to approval by the Commission shall issue a Resolution on the implementation of this Section.

**SEC. 21. Examination Fees** – Any applicant admitted to take the Geology licensure examination shall pay such fees as may be prescribed by the Commission before he/she is allowed to take the examination.

**SEC. 22. Rating in Licensure Examination** – To pass the Board licensure examination for geologists, a candidate must obtain a general weighted average of no less than seventy per centum (70%) and a rating of no less than fifty per centum (50%) in any examination subject.

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SEC. 23. *Report of Ratings* - The Board shall complete the correction of examination papers within three (3) days from the last day of examinations. The Commission shall report the rating of examinees not more than ten (10) days after the Board shall have completed the correction of examination papers.

SEC. 24. *Issuance of Certificate of Registration and Professional Identification Card* - A certificate of registration shall be issued to those who are registered with or without licensure examination subject to payment of fees prescribed by the Commission. It shall bear the signatures of the Chairperson of the Commission and of the chairman and members of the Board, stamped with the official seal of the Commission and of the Board, certifying that the person named therein is entitled to the practice of the profession with all the privileges appurtenant thereto. Until withdrawn, revoke or suspended in accordance with R.A. No. 10166 and the Rules, it shall remain in full force and effect.

A professional identification card bearing the registration number and date, its validity, and expiry duly signed by the Chairperson of the Commission shall likewise be issued to every registrant who has paid the prescribed fees. The said card shall be renewed every three (3) years upon mandatory submission of the CPE units, as may be required by the Board. The Boards Resolution on the CPE Guidelines shall provide the said CPE units as mandatory requirement.

SEC. 25. *Issuance of Certificate of Specialization* – Upon the nomination of the AIPO of geologists, the Board shall issue a Certification of Specialization to an applicant who is a registered geologist and who has specialized knowledge, training and experience in a specific field of geology and has documented his/her expertise and competence on the same. The Board in coordination with the AIPO shall promulgate the guidelines on the issuance of such certificate.

SEC. 26. *Seal of a Registered Geologist* – Every geologist shall, upon registration, obtain a seal as prescribed by the Board, Plans, specifications, reports and other professional documents prepared by or executed under the supervision of and issued by the registrant shall be stamped on every sheet with the said seal when filed officially or when submitted for professional issue.

SEC. 27. *Fees for Registration* – Every person issued a Certificate of Registration and Professional Identification Cards shall pay to the Commission such fees as the Commission may prescribe.

SEC. 28. *Issuance of Temporary/Special Permits* – Temporary/special permits, and temporary professional identification card shall be issued to the following upon proper application with the Board:

- a) A foreign geologists recognized as experts in their specific fields of geology, called in by the Republic of the Philippines for consultation for specific design, installation or project: *Provided*, that their practice shall be confined to such work only;
- b) Foreign geologists who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields of specialization, contracted as professors or lecturers on geology subjects by Philippine schools, colleges, institutes or universities on a direct hire or exchange basis, subject to verification of credentials by the Board; or
- c) Foreign geologists who are duly registered under bilateral or multilateral agreements where the Philippines is a signatory.

The PRC Resolution 2012-668, Series of 2012, on the practice of foreign professionals shall apply on the implementation of this section: *Provided*, that all the above shall secure a certificate of registration or temporary/special permit and temporary professional identification card from the Board prior to arrival in the country: *Provided, further*, that the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) shall not issue an alien employment permit to a foreigner who will practice a profession in the Philippines unless he/she shall have been issued by the Board and Commission a temporary/special permit pursuant to a resolution approved by the foregoing bodies.



SEC. 29. *Exemption from Licensure Examination* – A graduate of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Geology or an equivalent degree in any of the Specialized branch of Geology from a duly recognized university shall be exempted from taking the Board licensure examination upon evaluation of the Board. He/she shall be required to register in the same manner as those who will pass the licensure examination. The Board shall issue the guidelines in the implementation of this Section, subject to approval by the Commission.

SEC. 30. *Revocation or Suspension of the Certificate of Registration and Cancellation of Temporary/Special Permit* – The Board shall upon notice of hearing, revoke or suspend the certificate of registration of a registered geologist or to cancel a temporary/special permit granted to a foreign geologist, for any of the ground or causes enumerated in Section 27 Article III of R.A. No. 10166 and the Rules except in letter ( c ) thereof, and for any of the following grounds:

- a) Violation of a provision of this R.A. No. 10166, its IRR, Code of Ethics, and Code of Professional and Technical Standards for the Practice of Geology
- b) Perpetration or use of fraud in obtaining his/her certificate of registration, professional identification card, or temporary/special permit;
- c) Gross incompetence, negligence or ignorance resulting to death, injury or damage;
- d) Any act of misrepresentation in connection with an alleged performance of geological activities;
- e) Acts inimical to the geology profession;
- f) Gross immorality;
- g) Conviction by final judgment of any act involving moral turpitude;
- h) Aiding or abetting the illegal practice of a non-registered and non-licensed geologist by allowing him/her to use his/her certificate of registration and/or professional identification card, or his/her temporary/special permit;
- i) Illegally practicing the profession during his/her suspension from the practice thereof; and
- j) Clinically declared to be addicted to a drug or alcohol abuse impairing his/her ability to practice his/her profession, or declared with an unsound mind by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Any firm or association may file charges in accordance with the provision of this section against any registrant, or the Board may investigate violation of any of the abovementioned causes. An affidavit-complaint shall be filed together with the affidavits of witnesses and other documentary evidence with the Board through the Legal and Investigation Office. The Board may *motu proprio* conduct an investigation which shall be embodied in a formal charge to be signed by at least a majority of the members of the Board. The rules on administrative investigation in the Professional Regulation Commission and Professional Regulatory Boards issued by the Commission shall govern the hearing or investigation subject to applicable provisions of R.A. No. 10166, Republic Act No. 8981, and the Rules of Court.

SEC. 31. *Re-issuance of Revoked Certificate of Registration and Replacement of Lost Certificate Registration and Professional Identification Card* - The Board may, after two (2) years from the date of revocation of the certificate of registration, reissue another or more certificate upon proper application. The Board subject to approval by the Commission may issue a resolution granting such re-issuance and practice of the respondent geologist.

A new Certificate of Registration and Professional Identification Card, or Temporary/ Special Permit and Temporary Professional Identification Card which has been lost, destroyed, or mutilated, maybe re-issued after payment of the required fee prescribed by the Commission.

SEC. 32. *Enforcement of the Act by the Officers of the Law* – The Board shall be assisted by the Commission in carrying out the provisions of its IRR and other policies. The lawyers of the Commission shall act as prosecutors against illegal practitioners and other violators of R.A. No. 10166 and its rules. The duly constituted authorities of government shall likewise assist the Board and the Commission in enforcing the provisions of R.A. No. 10166 and its rules.



## RULE IV

### PRACTICE OF GEOLOGY.

SEC. 33. *Vested Rights* – All practicing geologists who are registered at the time of the passage of R.A. No. 10166 shall automatically be registered and issued certificates of registration subject to existing rules and regulations.

SEC. 34. *Foreign reciprocity* – No foreign geologist shall be granted any of the rights and privileges under this Act unless the country of which he/she is a subject or citizen grants the same or similar rights and privileges to Filipino geologists.

PRC Res. No. 2012-668, Series of 2012, on the practice of foreign professionals shall suppletorily carry out this Section.

SEC. 35. *Indication of Certificate of Registration and Professional Tax Receipt* – A registered geologist shall be required to indicate his/her certificates of registration number, the duration of validity, including the professional tax and the AIPO membership receipt number on the documents he/she signs, uses or issues in connection with the practice of his/her profession.

The Board subject to approval by the Commission shall issue a resolution on the requirement of the payment for the AIPO membership fee prior to renewal of the professional identification card.

SEC. 36. *Integration of the Geology Profession* – The geology profession shall be integrated into one (1) national professional organization of geologists that is duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The Board, subject to approval by the Commission, shall accredit the said organization as the one and only accredited integrated and professional organization of geologists (AIPO).

All geologists whose names appear in the Registry Book of Geologists shall *ipso facto* or automatically become members thereof and shall receive all the benefits and privileges appurtenant thereto upon payment of AIPO membership fees and dues.

Membership in the integrated APO shall not be a bar to membership in other geology organizations. The Revised PRC Resolution No. 178, Series of 2004, shall be the guidelines on the accreditation of the AIPO.

## RULE V

### PENAL AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 37. *Penal Clause* – Any person who shall practice geology in the Philippines, as defined in this R.A. No. 10166, without a certificate of registration in accordance with the provisions of this R.A. No. 10166, unless declared exempt from registration, or any person presenting or using his/her own certificate of registration of another, or any person who shall give any false or forged evidence, or any person who shall impersonate any registrant of like or different name, or any person who shall use a revoked or suspended certificate of registration, or any person who shall assume, use or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that he/she is a geologist without having graduated as such, or is engaged in geology practice without holding a valid certificate of registration from the Board shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos (PhP10,000.00) but not more than One Million Pesos (Php1,000,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than five (5) years, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 38. *Act Not Affecting Other Professions* – R.A. No. 10166 shall not affect or prevent the practice of any other legally recognized profession.

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SEC. 39. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* - Subject to the approval of the Commission, the Board, in consultation with other related agencies, e.g., the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Bureau of Geology, shall adopt and promulgate such IRR, the Code of Ethics, and the code of Professional and Technical Standards for Geologists to carry out the provisions of R.A. No. 10166 which shall be effective within ninety (90) days from the constitution of the first Board. The AIPO maybe consulted by the Board in the promulgation and issuance of the foregoing policies.

SEC. 40. *Funding Provisions* – The Chairperson of the Professional Regulation Commission shall immediately include in its program the implementation of R.A. No. 10166 and this IRR, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

SEC. 41. *Transitory Provisions* –

- a) After the approval of R.A. No. 10166, all geologists possessing valid certificates of registration issued under Republic Act No. 4209 shall register with the Board and be issued certificates of registration as geologists and professional identification cards under R.A. No. 10166 and the Rules to replace their original certificates of registration, upon payment of the required fees.
- b) Faculty members currently teaching major geology subject in universities, colleges, institutes, or schools shall not be allowed to continue teaching after five (5) years from the approval of R.A. No. 10166 and the Rules unless they are, or they have become, registered geologists with valid certificates of registration and valid professional identification cards;
- c) The incumbent chairman and members of the Board shall continue to function as an *interim* Board without new appointment until such time as a new board shall have been constituted under R.A. No. 10166.

SEC. 42. *Separability Clause* – If any section or portion of the IRR shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such shall not invalidate any other section thereof.

SEC. 43. *Repealing Clause* – all the Rules promulgated under Republic Act No. 4209 thereof is hereby repealed. All other orders, ordinances, or regulations relative to the practice of geology which are inconsistent with the provisions of the Rules are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 44. *Effectivity Clause* – The Rules, or IRR, shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its full and complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a daily newspaper of general circulation .

Done in the City of Manila this 24th day of October, 2012



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