



# PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURISTS ACT OF 2018

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## Philippine Agriculturists Act of 2018

- AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF THE AGRICULTURE PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD FOR AGRICULTURISTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR



### KEY POINTS - 19

- **Registration without Examination.** The following are eligible to apply for registration without examination upon compliance with these requirements:
- Upon approval of the application and payment of the prescribed fees, certificate of registration/professional license and professional identification card shall be issued to the applicant for registration as agriculturist without examination who can prove to the satisfaction of the Board that he/she falls under Category A or B below:



## KEY POINTS - 19

• **CATEGORY A. The applicant is a graduate of a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture or related agricultural degree major in any of the following disciplines or fields:**

- a. Agribusiness
- b. Agricultural Administration
- c. Agricultural Chemistry
- d. Agricultural Economics
- e. Agricultural Education
- f. Agricultural Extension



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• **CATEGORY A. The applicant is a graduate of a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture or related agricultural degree major in any of the following disciplines or fields:**

- g. Agricultural Marketing
- h. Agricultural Statistics
- i. Agronomy
- j. Animal Science
- k. Crop Protection
- l. Crop Science



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- **CATEGORY A. The applicant is a graduate of a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture or related agricultural degree major in any of the following disciplines or fields:**

- m. Entomology
- n. Horticulture
- o. Plant Breeding
- p. Plant Pathology
- q. Post-Harvest Technology
- r. Seed Technology
- s. Soil Science



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- from a school, college or university established or recognized by the Government, provided that the applicant: (1) has passed any of the civil service examinations for Agriculturists or the Career Service (professional) examination given by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and (2) has served the agriculture industry in either the government or private sector for not less than five (5) years; provided, further, that the educational qualification, civil service eligibility and service in the agriculture industry of the applicant have been obtained, acquired or earned and rendered, respectively, before the effectivity of R. A. No. 8435”.



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- **CATEGORY B.** The applicant has obtained a master's degree or a doctorate degree (without a bachelor's degree in Agriculture), major in any of the fields of specialization in Agriculture, as provided above, from a school, college or university recognized or established by the Government; provided that the applicant in this category has earned at least eighteen (18) units of agriculture subjects in any fields of specialization in agriculture and has accomplished the following:



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- **CATEGORY B.** A. passed any of the civil service examinations for agriculturists or Career (Professional) examination given by the CSC, and  
B. served the agriculture industry in either government or private sector for not less than five (5) years;



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### • **CATEGORY B.**

Applicants for registration as agriculturist without examination who possess any of the educational qualifications provided in categories a and b but who have not passed the civil service examination for agriculture shall likewise be registered as agriculturist, provided that they have served the industry in either private or public capacity for not less than five (5) years.



## KEY POINTS – Section 29

### • **Professional Title Appendage**

Only a Licensed Agriculturist as herein defined may append after his/her names the title **“L.Agr.”**



*Sample only*



## KEY POINTS - 30

### • **Prohibition Against the Unauthorized Practice of Agriculture Profession**

No person shall practice the Agriculture profession in the Philippines or offer himself/herself as a Licensed Agriculturist, or use the title, word, letter, figure, or any sign tending to convey the impression that one is a Licensed Agriculturist, or advertise or indicate in any manner whatsoever that one is qualified to practice the profession unless he/she has complied with all the requirements for registration, with or without examination, and is a holder of a valid COR and PIC or a valid STP duly issued by the Board and the Commission.



## KEY POINTS – Section 31

### • **Prohibition Against Corporate Practice**

The practice of Agriculture is a professional service, admission to which shall be determined upon the basis of individual and personal qualifications. No firm, company, or association may be registered or licensed as such for the practice of the Agriculture profession.



## KEY POINTS – Section 32

- **Employment of Agriculturists in the Government** - All Provincial Agriculturists Offices and Municipal Agriculturists Offices shall be headed by Licensed Agriculturists only, and that all technical positions therein shall only be filled by Licensed Agriculturists



## KEY POINTS – Section 32

- **Employment of Agriculturists in the Government**
- The Board shall assist in the development of Position Classification Standards for relevant government plantilla positions, in collaboration with the following:
  - CSC
  - CHED
  - SUCS
  - DBM
  - DA
  - DILG
  - DAR
  - DENR
  - PQF-NCC
  - Among others





## KEY POINTS – Section 33

### **Employment of Agriculturists in the Private Sector**

Private corporations and enterprises shall allocate positions for Licensed Agriculturists.

All corporate farms, golf courses, agri-tourists, agri-related corporations/businesses and other similar institutions or facilities involved in agriculture must employ such number of Licensed Agriculturists in accordance with the guidelines to be issued by the Board and the Commission.



## KEY POINTS – Section 34

### **Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO)**

All Licensed Agriculturists shall have one (1) national organization, which shall be recognized by the Board and the Commission as the one and only AIPO for Licensed Agriculturists.

A Licensed Agriculturists duly registered with the Board and the Commission shall automatically become a member of the AIPO and shall receive all the benefits and privileges appurtenant thereto, upon payment of the prescribed fees and dues.

Membership in the AIPO shall not bar membership in other associations of Licensed Agriculturists.



## KEY POINTS – Section 39

### **Transitory Provisions**

- The existing Board of Agriculture shall continue to function in the interim until such time that the new Board shall have been constituted pursuant to this Act.

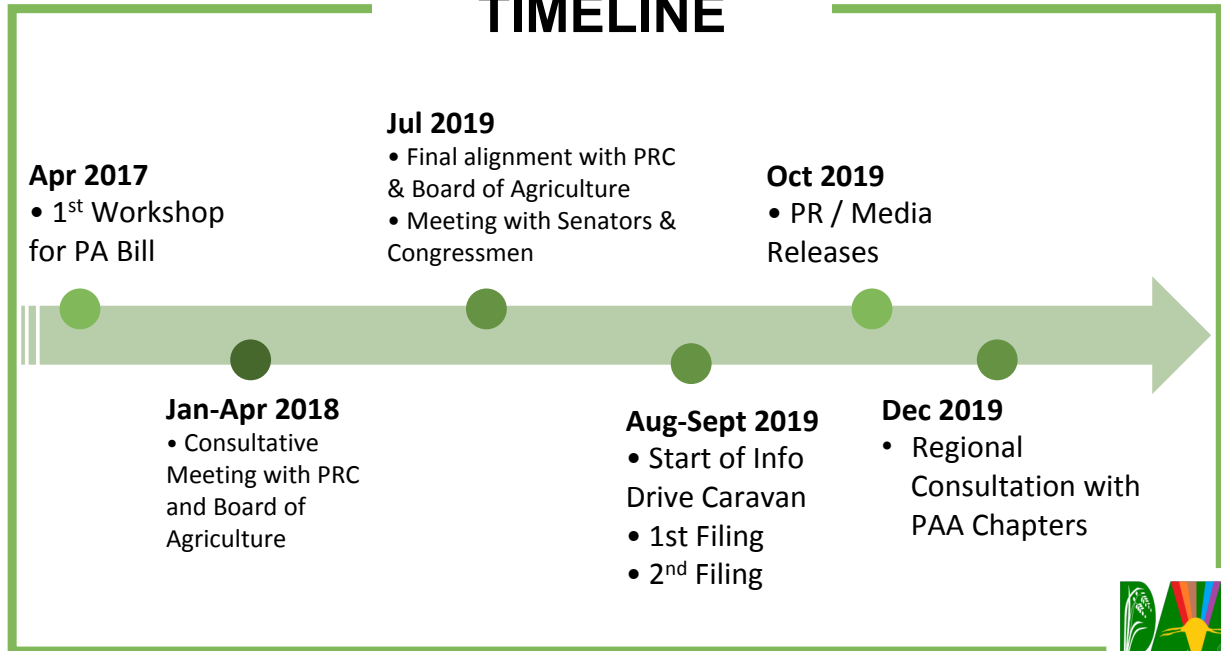


## STATUS

- PAA working with PRC on the draft bill
- Currently discussing with the office of concerned senators and congressmen to sponsor during the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress
  - Senators: Villar, Pangilinan, Pacquiao, Angara, Zubiri, Tolentino, Go, Marcos, Poe
  - Congressmen: Cua, Bordado, Ungab, Marquez, Legarda, Zamora
  - Partylist: COOP-NATCO



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- Bernard L. Canapi
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- Ruben Santos (LGU, PAA Region 2)
- Virgilio Jakosalem (LGU, PAA Region 7)
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- LGU representatives (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class)



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