

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5788, June 21, 1969 ]**

**AN ACT TO AMEND AND REPEAL CERTAIN SECTIONS OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FORTY-ONE HUNDRED TEN.**

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

SECTION 1. The title of Republic Act Numbered Forty-one hundred and ten is hereby amended to read as follows:

"An Act to provide for Specialization in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration  
" in the Philippines."

SEC. 2. Section one of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. *Title of Act.*-This Act shall be known as the 'Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Specialization Law,"

SEC. 3. Section two of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. *Certificate of Specialization.*-The Board of Mechanical Engineering Examiners is hereby authorized to issue certificate of Specialization in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration to registered professional mechanical engineers, after they shall have passed a special examination to be given by the Board.

"All certificates of specialization shall show the full name of the specialist, shall have a serial number, and shall be signed by all the members of the Board, and shall be attested to by the official seal."

SEC. 4. Section three of the same Act is hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. Section four of the same Act is hereby renumbered as Section three and is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. *Powers, vested in the Board of Mechanical Engineering Examiners.*-The Board is vested with authority conformably with the provisions of this amendatory Act, to administer the provisions thereof, to issue, suspend and revoke certificates of specialization in air conditioning and refrigeration and to administer oaths.

"In carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, the Board may, under the hand of its Chairman and the seal of the Board subpoena witnesses and compel their attendance, and also require the production of books, papers, documents, etc., in a case involving the revocation of registration, practice or offer to practice without registration. Any member of the Board may administer oaths or affirmation to witness appearing before the Board. If any person shall refuse to obey any

subpoena so issued, or shall refuse to testify or produce any book, paper, document, etc., the Board may present its petition to the Court of First Instance, setting forth the facts, and thereupon such court shall, in a proper case, issue its subpoena requiring his attendance before such court and there to testify or to produce such books, papers, documents, etc., as may be deemed necessary and pertinent by the Board. Any person failing or refusing to obey any subpoena or order of the said court may be proceeded against in the same manner as for the refusal to obey any other subpoena or order of the court.

"The Board shall exercise the powers conferred upon it by this Act, shall have charge of the selection, development, preparation of all codes, recommended standards of practice in the field of air conditioning and refrigeration specialization and all revisions therein to be adopted by all specialists.

"It shall cooperate with other government agencies in the promotion and encouragement of research in the fields of air conditioning and refrigeration.

"The Board shall inspect at least once a year; refrigerating engineering works, projects or plants, corporation established in the Philippines, for the purpose of adequately safeguarding life, health and property; and shall discharge such other powers and duties as may affect ethical and technological standards of the air conditioning and refrigeration specialization in the Philippines.

"For the purpose of this Act the Director of Bureau of Labor Standards and/or his duly authorized representative in the provinces and such other competent registered engineers of chartered cities, shall be *ex-officio* agents of the Board, and as such it shall be their duty to help in the enforcement of the provisions of this Act."

SEC. 6. Section five of the same Act is hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. Section six of the same Act shall be renumbered as Section four.

SEC. 8. Section seven of the same Act is hereby repealed.

SEC. 9. Section eight of the same Act is hereby renumbered as Section five and is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. *Compensation of the Board.*-The members of the Board shall each receive as compensation the sum of ten pesos for each applicant examined. All fees shall be received by the permanent collecting officer designated by the Board of Examiners, and such officer shall pay all authorized expenses of the Board, including the compensation provided for by this Act for the members of the Board."

SEC. 10. Sections nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen of the same Act are hereby repealed.