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MCLE Governing Board Resolution No. **02-2019**

(Resolution Amending MCLE Board Resolution No. 01-2007 which Grants Exemption to Lawyers Seventy-five (75) Years Old and Above)

WHEREAS, MCLE Board Resolution No. 01-2007 provides that *"WHEREFORE, aware of the plight of lawyer-retirees who refuse to give up their IBP membership, the MCLE Governing Board finds it logical, compassionate, and reasonable to exempt lawyers who are seventy-five years old and above, from compliance with MCLE requirements and allow them to perform notarial work only for a living"*;

WHEREAS, the said Resolution states that the exemption is based on Section 2 (a), Rule 7, Bar Matter No. 850, which provides: *"Other parties exempted from the MCLE. – The following Members of the Bar are likewise exempt: (a) Those who are not in law practice, private or public"*


WHEREAS, exemption on the ground of "old age" does not accurately fall under Section 2 (a), Rule 7, Bar Matter No. 850, especially considering that they are still allowed to engage in law practice as notary public;

WHEREAS, exemption on the ground of "old age" more precisely falls under Section 3, Rule 7, Bar Matter No. 850 which provides:


"Good cause for exemption from or modification of requirement. – A member may file a verified request setting forth good cause for exemption (such as physical disability, illness, post graduate study abroad, proven expertise in law, etc.) from compliance with or modification of any of the requirements, including an extension of time for compliance, in accordance with a procedure to be established by the MCLE Committee";

WHEREFORE, in view of the above and to accurately reflect the basis of exemption on the ground of "old age", the MCLE Governing Board resolves to amend MCLE Resolution No. 01-2007 to read as follows: "WHEREFORE, pursuant to Section 3, Rule 7 of Bar Matter No. 850, the MCLE Governing Board resolved to exempt lawyers aged 75 years and above who are not engaged in active law practice except as notary public, after complying with the foregoing requirements subject to the following conditions: X X X".


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