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This **Linkages Update** aims to provide information on legislations approved and enacted into law, bills passed on third reading by the Senate, outputs of Forums conducted by ILS, and other concerns of national importance. Presented in this issue are the Laws Passed during the Seventeenth Congress covering the period June 2019 to July 2019.

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Provided below are the laws passed and approved by the President of the Philippines during the 3rd Regular Session of the 17th Congress:

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11346

“AN ACT INCREASING THE EXCISE TAX ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS, IMPOSING EXCISE TAX ON HEATED TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS, INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS ON ARTICLES SUBJECT TO EXCISE TAX, AND EARMARKING A PORTION OF THE TOTAL EXCISE TAX COLLECTION FROM SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGES, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, HEATED TOBACCO AND VAPOR PRODUCTS FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTIONS 144, 145, 146, 147, 152, 164, 260, 262, 263, 265, 288, AND 289, REPEALING SECTION 288(B) AND 288(C), AND CREATING NEW SECTIONS 263-A, 265-B, AND 288-A OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10963, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 30, 2019

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11347

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN QUEZON CITY, NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION. TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-QUEZON CITY CAMPUS. MANDATING THE PUP TO OFFER GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM VOCATIONAL COURSES THEREAT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 30, 2019

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11348

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE CITY OF SAN JUAN, METRO MANILA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-SAN JUAN CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 30, 2019

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11349

“AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT MACABEBE, PAMPANGA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(C) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 30, 2019

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11350

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS, PROVIDING FOR ITS FUNCTIONS, ABOLISHING THE NATIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL AND MONITORING BOARD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 30, 2019

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11351

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE SUB-DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMONA, PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO A REGULAR DISTRICT

ENGINEERING OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 30, 2019

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11352

“AN ACT GRANTING BOHOL CHRONICLE RADIO CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 30, 2019

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11353

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO MOUNTAIN PROVINCE BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8164, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN BENGUET, IFUGAO, KALINGA, APAYAO, AND MOUNTAIN PROVINCE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS MOUNTAIN PROVINCES)”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 30, 2019

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11354

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SOUTHERN BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8147, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE SOUTHERN BROADCASTING NETWORK A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, ESTABLISH AND OPERATE COMMERCIAL

RADIO/TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 30, 2019

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11355

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RADIOWORLD BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8219, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING RADIOWORLD BROADCASTING CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 30, 2019

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11356

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BEACON COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8063, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE BEACON COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 30, 2019

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11357

“AN ACT GRANTING SOLAR PARA SA BAYAN CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES AND MICROGRIDS IN THE REMOTE AND UNVIABLE, OR UNSERVED OR UNDERSERVED AREAS

IN SELECTED PROVINCES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 30, 2019

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11358

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL VISION SCREENING PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN PUPILS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 30, 2019

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11359

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE JOSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL IN SAN FERNANDO CITY, PAMPANGA FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1000) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL WORKFORCE COMPLEMENT, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10355, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 30, 2019

The Senate of the Philippines As an Institution

The Senate of the Philippines is one of the pillars of the country's lawmaking body, the other one being the House of Representatives. It is composed of 24 elected Senators whose terms of office shall be six (6) years. This dynamic institution is established to balance our economic, social and political environment and whose concerns are national in scope.

As the bastion of democracy, its action is centered on consensus and consultation with the end purpose of serving the best interest of the Filipino people.

The SENATE also values the importance of having productive and harmonious relationship with other institutions, from the government and the private sector, to create an environment where rapport and goodwill among institutions prevail. Its main objective is the passage of good, implementable and doable laws in pursuit of democratic ideals that would truly serve the national interest and the welfare of the people.

-Julieta J. Cervo-

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- ILS Linkages Report
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