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# *Linkages Update*

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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 Forms conducted by ILS, and other concerns of national importance. Presented in this issue are the Laws passed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular and 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Sessions of the Eighteenth Congress covering the period July 2021 to September 2021.

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18<sup>th</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session

Provided below are the laws passed and approved by the President of the Philippines during the 2nd Regular Session of the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress approved during the period July 2021 – August 2021:

### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11570**

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BIENVENIDO MOREJON MARAÑON”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 2, 2021

### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11571**

“AN ACT ENHANCING THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL ENERGY COMMISSION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 62 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.9136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001”, AS AMENDED”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 6, 2021

### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11572**

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE ENERGY RESEARCH AND POLICY INSTITUTE, DEFINING ITS

OBJECTIVES, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 30, 2021

#### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11573**

“AN ACT IMPROVING THE CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR IMPERFECT LAND TITLES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 141, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE PUBLIC LAND ACT,” AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1529, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PROPERTY REGISTRATION DECREE””

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 16, 2021

#### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11574**

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ABRA STATE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LAGANGILANG AND BANGUED, PROVINCE OF ABRA INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF ABRA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 23, 2021

#### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11575**

“AN ACT RENAMING THE COMPOSTELA VALLEY STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DE ORO TO THE DAVAO DE ORO STATE COLLEGE”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 23, 2021

## **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11576**

“AN ACT FURTHER EXPANDING THE JURISDICTION OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, AND MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,” AS AMENDED”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 30, 2021

## **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11577**

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BLOCKBUSTER BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8726, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE BLOCKBUSTER BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES””

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 30, 2021

## **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11578**

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO TAGBILARAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS TAGBILARAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8149, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE TAGBILARAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM-A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT; INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE VISAYAS REGION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES””

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 30, 2021

### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11579**

“AN ACT GRANTING SERVOTRON INDUSTRIES INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 30, 2021

### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11580**

“AN ACT GRANTING CHRISTIAN MUSIC POWER, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 23, 2021

### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11581**

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO TRANSPACIFIC BROADBAND GROUP INTL. INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8657, TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS FOR THE RECEPTION AND TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 23, 2021

### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11582**

“AN ACT GRANTING ALLIED BROADCASTING CENTER, INCORPORATED A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN-RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 30, 2021

### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11583**

“AN ACT GRANTING ST.JUDE THADDEUS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND OTHER AREAS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 30, 2021

### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11584**

“AN ACT RENAMING THE SURIGAO DEL SUR STATE UNIVERSITY (SDSSU) IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR TO NORTH EASTERN MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY (NEMSU)”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 30, 2021

### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11585**

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BICOL STATE COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY (BISCAST) IN THE CITY OF NAGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 30, 2021

### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11586**

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE AGUSAN DEL SUR STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (ASSCAT) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUNAWAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE SATELLITE CAMPUS IN THE

MUNICIPALITY OF TRENTO, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE AGUSAN DEL SUR STATE UNIVERSITY (ADSSU), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 30, 2021

#### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11587**

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE OCCIDENTAL MINDORO STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE OCCIDENTAL MINDORO STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 30, 2021

#### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11588**

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE(25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ROMEO CABRESTANTE SERVANDO, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS ROLIN BROADCASTING ENTERPRISES, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8202, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING ROMEO CABRESTANTE SERVANDO, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 12, 2021

# **Covers Republic Act Numbers 11589 - 11591**

18<sup>th</sup> Congress, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session

Provided below are the laws passed and approved by the President of the Philippines during the 3rd Regular Session of the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress covering the month of September 2021:

## **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11589**

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND MODERNIZING THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

## **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11590**

“AN ACT TAXING PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING OPERATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 22, 26, 27, 28, 106, 108, AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 125-A AND 288(G) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

## **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11591**

“AN ACT FIXING THE LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR THE 2022 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021



NOTE:

A Republic Act is an important piece of legislation that will serve as guide to carry out the principles of the Constitution. It is crafted and passed by the two Houses of Congress and approved by the President. It can only be repealed by a similar act of Congress.

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The SENATE also values the importance of having productive and harmonious relationships with other institutions, from the government and the private sectors, 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.

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