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SENATE BILLS

Senate Bill No. 501

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH STRUCTURAL REFORMS IN THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT, DELIVERY AND USE OF CONVERGENT SERVICES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Services; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 502

“AN ACT INSTITUTING FAMILY PRIVACY PROTECTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 503

“AN ACT TO RECRUIT, HIRE, AND TRAIN ADDITIONAL SCHOOL-BASED GUIDANCE COUNSELORS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND MENTAL HEALTH PERSONNEL”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance
Senate Bill No. 504

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE MUSIC INDUSTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts And Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 505

“AN ACT CRIMINALIZING NECROPHILIA AND IMPOSING APPROPRIATE PENALTIES THEREFOR, INCORPORATING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 335-A INTO ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 506

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1638 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ESTABLISHING A NEW SYSTEM OF RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES BY GRANTING THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO RETIREE WHO HAVE REACQUIRED PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 507

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SARANGANI PROVINCE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MAASIM, KIAMBA AND MAITUM, CREATING FOR THAT PURPOSE THE MAASIM-
KIAMBA-MAITUM INDUSTRIAL TRIANGLE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY (MITSEZA), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Economic Affairs; Local Government; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 508

“AN ACT TO REGULATE PUBLIC SOLICITATION PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 509

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A COMMISSION ON THE FAMILY”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 510

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS AS AN ATTACHED AGENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, PROVIDING ITS STRUCTURE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Games, Amusement and Sports; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance
Senate Bill No. 511

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 512

“AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE, PROMOTE AND ALLOW PRIVATE COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS TO DONATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT (ITE) TO EDUCATIONAL AND/OR RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS BY PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 34 AND 101 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (NIRC) AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Ways And Means

Senate Bill No. 513

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH A PERMANENT COUNCIL ON NUTRITION AND HEALTH”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 514

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT (NCITD), DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
Senator Bill No. 515

“AN ACT INSTITUTING AN INCENTIVE PAY SYSTEM, BASED ON PRODUCTIVITY AND PERFORMANCE, FOR ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Senator Bill No. 516

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE VACCINATION AND IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM FOR FILIPINO INFANTS AND CHILDREN, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Senator Bill No. 517

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS”

Senator Bill No. 518

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 186 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

**Senate Bill No. 519**

“AN ACT CREATING THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referred to the Committee(s) on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 520**

“AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referred to the Committee(s) on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; National Defense and Security; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 521**

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IN THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PRESCRIBING ITS FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referred to the Committee(s) on National Defense and Security; Foreign Relations; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 522**

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 179 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE (ACT NO. 3815 AS AMENDED) BY INCREASING THE PENALTY PROVIDED THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
Senate Bill No. 523

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 426 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, ‘THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991’, BY MANDATING THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN TO IMPLEMENT AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE BARANGAYS, PROVIDING THE MECHANISM FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Senate Bill No. 524

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 10 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Senate Bill No. 525

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 264 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Senate Bill No. 526
“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

**Senate Bill No. 527**

“AN ACT ALLOCATING THE TRAVEL TAX COLLECTION TO THE PHILIPPINE TOURISM AUTHORITY, AMENDING THEREBY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1183, AS AMENDED, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7722, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Ways and Means; Tourism; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 528**

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL ECOTOURISM POLICY, ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR ITS INSTITUTIONALIZATION, PROVIDING THE MECHANISMS FOR ITS APPROPRIATE IMPLEMENTATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Environment and Natural Resources; Tourism; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 529**

“AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE PHILIPPINE INDUSTRIAL AND LABOR DISPUTE SETTLEMENT SYSTEM AND FOR THAT PURPOSE, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
• Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 530

“AN ACT IMPROVING PHILIPPINE COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS PROMOTION AND PROTECTION BY PROVIDING THE NECESSARY MECHANISMS FOR THE PREVENTION OF THE OCCURRENCE AND PROTECTION FROM THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

• Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
• Referred to the Committee(s) on Justice And Human Rights; Social Justice, Welfare And Rural Development; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 531

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT CENTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY, INTO A NATIONAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT, MANAGEMENT AND FORECASTING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

• Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
• Referred to the Committee(s) on Science And Technology; Education, Arts And Culture; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 532

“AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT OLDER OR DISABLED PERSONS ARE PROTECTED FROM INSTITUTIONAL, COMMUNITY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT AND TO IMPROVE OUTREACH EFFORTS AND OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE TO OLDER OR DISABLED PERSONS VICTIMIZED BY SUCH VIOLENCE”

• Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
• Referred to the Committee(s) on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Justice and Human Rights; and Finance
Senate Bill No. 533

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE LIABILITIES OF INDIRECT EMPLOYERS IN JOB CONTRACTING, COVERING OTHER BENEFITS DUE THEIR EMPLOYEES, FOR THIS PURPOSE AMENDING ARTICLE 106 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 534

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 535

“AN ACT DECLARING AN ELECTIVE OFFICIAL IPSO FACTO RESIGNED FROM HIS OFFICE UPON THE FILING OF HIS CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 536

“AN ACT CODIFYING THE ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE LAWS OF THE PHILIPPINES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Youth, Women and Family Relations; Ways and Means; and Finance
Senate Bill No. 537

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER INCENTIVES TO LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES TO THE END THAT BOTH PRODUCTIVITY AND INCOME WILL BE INCREASED”

> Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
> Referred to the Committee(s) on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Ways And Means

Senate Bill No. 538

“AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF GOVERNMENT AMBULANCES, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

> Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
> Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Civil Service And Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 539

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

> Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
> Referred to the Committee(s) on Economic Affairs; Local Government; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 540

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 80 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 705, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED FORESTRY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1775”

> Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
> Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Senate Bill No. 541

“AN ACT REGULATING THE SOLICITATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM, OR SALE OF TICKETS TO ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE BY ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 542

“AN ACT STREAMLINING THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS BUREAUCRACY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 543

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL BRANCHES, SUBDIVISIONS, INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS OR THEIR SUBSIDIARIES TO DIVULGE THE IDENTITY OF HIRED FOREIGN CONSULTANTS, THE NATURE OF THEIR WORK AND THEIR COMPENSATION, PERKS, AND OTHER PRIVILEGES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES IN CASE OF VIOLATION THEREOF”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Civil Service and Government Reorganization and Government Corporations; and Public Enterprises
Senate Bill No. 544

“AN ACT INCREASING PENSIONS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 545

“AN ACT AMENDING TITLES V AND VI, SECTIONS 102 AND 107 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Local Government; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate Bill No. 546

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 107 (A) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SEEKING TO EXEMPT FROM THE IMPOSITION OF VALUE ADDED TAX ON DONATED IMPORTATIONS OF ITEMS OR GOODS, WHICH ARE FOR NON-PROFIT, CHARITABLE, HUMANITARIAN, RELIEF PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 547

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 19, 28, 30, 37, 38 AND 65 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Senate Bill No. 548

“AN ACT CREATING THE HEALTH AND EDUCATION ACCELERATION PROGRAM CORPORATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Government Corporations And Public Enterprises; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 549

“AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT EVERY FILIPINO IS GRANTED WITH BASIC HEALTHCARE SERVICES, PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSE A MANDATORY UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE COVERAGE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 550

“AN ACT DECLARING THE DAY ON WHICH CHINESE NEW YEAR FALLS EACH YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY AS A SIGN OF GOODWILL AND AMITY BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND CHINA”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 551

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING DIFFERENT PENALTIES FOR POLITICAL AND PRIVATE LIBEL, AMENDING ARTICLE 354 AND 361 OF ACT
NO. 3815, AS AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, FOR THIS PURPOSE”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Public Information and Mass Media

**Senate Bill No. 552**

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DEPARTMENT ON INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Local Government

**Senate Bill No. 553**


YEARS THE REGLEMENTARY PERIOD FOR COMPLYING WITH THE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AND APPROPRIATE ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP) AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 554

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE FORMER PRISONERS’ EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUND THEREFOR”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Justice and Human Rights; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 555

“AN ACT PROHIBITING CELLPHONE NETWORK COMPANIES FROM SENDING UNSOLICITED MATERIAL TO THEIR SUBSCRIBERS VIA TEXT OR SHORT MESSAGE SERVICE (SMS)”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Services; and Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 556

“AN ACT ENSURING EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO MEMBERS OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND PREFERENCE IN CERTAIN CASES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Cultural Communities

Senate Bill No. 557

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRIVATE HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE HOSPITALS BY GRANTING THEM INCENTIVES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; Local Government; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 558**

“AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE V OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Ways and Means

**Senate Bill No. 559**

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LAND MANAGEMENT BUREAU TO CONDUCT A SURVEY OF CADASTRAL LOTS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 560**

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT, WITHDRAWING FROM ITS APPLICATION ALL REFERENCES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; Local Government; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 561**

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE FRONTLINE SERVICES TO PROVIDE PUBLIC
INFORMATION ON HOW TO ACCESS SUCH SERVICES FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Public Information and Mass Media

**Senate Bill No. 562**

“AN ACT INSTITUTING LINE ITEM BUDGETING IN THE BUDGETARY PROCESS OF THE GOVERNMENT, REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1177, AS AMENDED”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Finance

**Senate Bill No. 563**

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Local Government

**Senate Bill No. 564**

“AN ACT UPGRA딩 THE JOSE R. REYES MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (JRRMMC) INTO A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRAUMA, CANCER AND DERMATOLOGY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health And Demography; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 565**

“AN ACT CREATING A BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WITHIN THE NATIONAL BILIBID PRISONS (NBP)
RESERVATION AND THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN (CIW), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 566**

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE GOVERNMENT FROM ALLOWING ANY NON-GOVERNMENT ENTİTY FROM OCCUPYING ANY BUILDING, OFFICE OR OTHER PREMISES WHERE GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS ARE BEING PERFORMED”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

**Senate Bill No. 567**

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS MANDATORY IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 568**

“AN ACT GRANTING A SPECIAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF FIFTEEN (15) DAYS A YEAR WITH FULL PAY TO ALL LEGITIMATE SPOUSES OF OVERSEAS WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Ways and Means
Senate Bill No. 569

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE MEDICINE AND OTHER BASIC MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO ANY PRIVATE PERSON OR INDIVIDUAL INJURED OR WOUNDED DURING A MILITARY OR GOVERNMENT OPERATION”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on National Defense and Security; and Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 570

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 571

“AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, THROUGH THE NATIONAL MAPPING AND RESOURCE INFORMATION AUTHORITY, TOGETHER WITH THE NATIONAL DISASTER COORDINATING COUNCIL, TO IDENTIFY LOW-LYING AREAS OF THE PHILIPPINE TERRITORY VULNERABLE TO RISING SEA LEVELS AS A RESULT OF GLOBAL WARMING, AND AREAS AT HIGH RISK FOR NATURAL DISASTERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 572

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE ATMOSPHERIC, GEOPHYSICAL AND ASTRONOMICAL
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) Science and Technology; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 573

“AN ACT CHANGING THE CRIME OF CONCUBINAGE INTO MARITAL INFIDELITY, AMENDING ARTICLE 333 AND ARTICLE 334 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, FOR THIS PURPOSE”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 574

“AN ACT TO INDEX FINES OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND VARIOUS PENAL LAWS TO ADJUST TO INFLATION”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 575

“AN ACT REQUIRING TRANSPARENCY OF INFORMATION IN EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS FOR GOVERNMENT PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Justice and Human Rights; and Public Works
Senate Bill No. 576

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 385 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1460, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1455, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INSURANCE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 577

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1829, PENALIZING OBSTRUCTION OF APPREHENSION AND PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 578

“AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM REAL PROPERTY TAX THE TREES AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS ON LANDS COVERED BY CERTIFICATES OF STEWARDSHIP CONTRACTS UNDER THE INTEGRATED SOCIAL FORESTRY PROGRAM”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Local Government; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 579

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEMONSTRATION, PERFORMANCE OR EXHIBITION IN PUBLIC OF CERTAIN SEXUAL ACTS, AND THE PRODUCTION, IMPORTATION, SALE OR DISTRIBUTION, OR PUBLIC SHOWING OR DISPLAY OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Justice and Human Rights; and Public Information and Mass Media

**Senate Bill No. 580**

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF WORKERS IN CASES OF MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS, CONSOLIDATION, SALE OF ALL OR SUBSTANTIALLY ALL ASSETS, BUSINESS ENTERPRISE TRANSFER, OR TRANSFER OF A GOING CONCERN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

**Senate Bill No. 581**

“AN ACT CREATING THE BAKERY INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD AS ATTACHED AGENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE TITLE X, BOOK IV OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Trade and Commerce; Health and Demography; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 582**

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MOVEMENT TO HELP ERADICATE RAPE AND OTHER FEMALE ABUSES (“MOTHER”), MANDATING THE COMPULSORY TEACHING OF SELF DEFENSE TO ALL FEMALE CONSTITUENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance
Senate Bill No. 583

“AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARIES OF HEALTH AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO ISSUE REGULATIONS TO ELIMINATE OR MINIMIZE THE SIGNIFICANT RISK OF NEEDLESTICK INJURY TO HEALTH CARE WORKERS”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health And Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 584

“AN ACT GRANTING GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND INDIGENTS A TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT ON THE SALE OF MEDICINES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Ways and Means; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate Bill No. 585

“AN ACT GRANTING AD INTERIM AUTHORITY TO THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM MONTHLY PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND TO FACILITATE PAYMENT OF BENEFITS, PROCEEDS, AND CLAIMS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Senate Bill No. 586

“AN ACT PROVIDING PALLIATIVE AND END-OF-LIFE CARE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referral of Senate Bills:

- **Senate Bill No. 587**
  - “ACT TO ESTABLISH A JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MATURE OR OLDER WORKERS”
    - Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
    - Referred to the Committee(s) on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

- **Senate Bill No. 588**
  - “AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR LABOR REPRESENTATION IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND-CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS”
    - Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
    - Referred to the Committee(s) on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

- **Senate Bill No. 589**
  - “AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION BY MAKING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER MANDATORY FOR PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 484 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”
    - Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
    - Referred to the Committee(s) on Local Government; and Environment and Natural Resources
Senate Bill No. 590

“AN ACT AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 591


- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Cooperatives; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 592

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING STRICTER PENALTIES ON THE CRIME OF DELIVERING PRISONERS FROM JAIL AND INFIDELITY IN THE CUSTODY OF PRISONERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 156, 223 AND 224 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 593

“AN ACT TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND OTHER VULNERABLE SUBPOPULATIONS FROM EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referred to the Committee(s) on Youth, Women and Family Relations; Health and Demography and Finance

Senate Bill No. 594

“AN ACT REVISING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND STUDENT YOUTH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 595


Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referred to the Committee(s) on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 596

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY, STABILIZE PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND ENHANCE FOOD SECURITY THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, RATIONALIZING AND RESTRUCTURING FOR THE PURPOSE, ALL EXISTING GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, MARKETING AND OTHER SUPPORT PROGRAMS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 597**

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF DISASTER AWARENESS AND DISASTER MITIGATION AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM OF ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

-Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; National Defense and Security; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 598**

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL AND/OR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN MILITARY CAMPS AND RESERVATIONS, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE MILITARY REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; National Defense and Security; Ways and Means; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 599**

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1638, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘ESTABLISHING A NEW SYSTEM OF RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on National Defense and Security
Senate Bill No. 600

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH HOME VISITING PROGRAM”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 601

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF A SOLDIER KILLED WHILE PERFORMING DUTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on National Defense; and Security and Finance

Senate Bill No. 602

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING BUSINESS ONE-STOP SHOP (BOSS) CENTERS FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES IN ALL REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Trade and Commerce; Economic Affairs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 603

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE INSPECTION FUNCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6727, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE WAGE RATIONALIZATION ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development
Senate Bill No. 604


➤ Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
➤ Referred to the Committee(s) on Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 605

“AN ACT PROMOTING AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF CABLE TELEVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
➤ Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Services; Public Information and Mass Media; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 606

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 116 AND 164 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES”

➤ Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
➤ Referred to the Committee(s) on Trade and Commerce; and Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 607

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Senate Bill No. 608

“AN ACT PROVIDING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF INSTRUCTION IN THE HUMANITIES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS”

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referred to the Committee(s) on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 609

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL DENTISTS TO GIVE FREE DENTAL SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4419, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE DENTAL ACT OF 1965’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 610

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS, CLINICS, INFIRMARIES, AND PUERICULTURE CENTERS TO GIVE FREE MEDICAL AND DENTAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT CHILDREN”

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 611

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE FINANCIAL REGULATION OF WATER UTILITIES, CREATING THE WATER REGULATORY COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Services; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 612**

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MAGNA CARTA OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT WORKERS”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Agriculture and Food; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 613**

“AN ACT REQUIRING MOVIE, TELEVISION, AND RADIO PRODUCERS, INCLUDING PROMOTION AND ADVERTISING AGENCIES, AND OTHER LIKE ENTITIES, EMPLOYING UNEMANCIPATED MINORS TO DEPOSIT THEIR TALENT FEES OR INCOME IN A TRUST FUND, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) Public Information and Mass Media; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

**Senate Bill No. 614**


- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography
Senate Bill No. 615

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY DRUGSTORES, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘BOTICA SA BARANGAY’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 616

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING BARANGAYS TO ENTER INTO OFFICIAL CONTRACTS WITH NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO UNDERTAKE THE DELIVERY OF BASIC SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT TO BARANGAY RESIDENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 617

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL POLLING PLACE FOR THE DISABLED AND THE ELDERLY”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate Bill No. 618

“AN ACT FIXING THE MINIMUM STANDARD FOR DEATH BENEFITS TO FILIPINO SEAFARERS EMPLOYED OVERSEAS AND ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM AT THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR ITS REGULAR REVIEW AND REALIGNMENT TO PREVAILING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
• Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
• Referred to the Committee(s) on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate Bill No. 619

“AN ACT PROVIDING FREE AND SUITABLE PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

• Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
• Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 620

“AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY REPORTING OF MARINE CASUALTIES”

• Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
• Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Services; and Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 621

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 144 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 68, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CORPORATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES BY INCREASING THE RANGE OF PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

• Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
• Referred to the Committee(s) on Trade And Commerce; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 622

“AN ACT TO IMPROVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND TRAUMA CARE”
Senate Bill No. 623

“AN ACT REPEALING SECTION 90 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, PROHIBITING AND LIMITING THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSION BY ELECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS”

Senate Bill No. 624

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 53, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE PUBLISHER, EDITOR, COLUMNIST OR REPORTER OF ANY PUBLICATION FROM REVEALING THE SOURCE OF PUBLISHED NEWS OR INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE”

Senate Bill No. 625

“AN ACT LIMITING EXPOSURE OF CHILDREN TO VIOLENT PROGRAMMING ON TELEVISION AND CABLE SYSTEMS”

Senate Bill No. 626

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS TO BE OPEN AT ALL TIMES TO PROVIDE CONTINUOUS HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC”
Senate Bill No. 627

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF MOBILE UNITS SERVING MEDICAL, DIAGNOSTIC, AND TREATMENT SERVICES, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR PATIENTS WHO RECEIVE CARE IN REMOTE OR RURAL AREAS AND FOR PATIENTS WHO NEED SPECIALIZED TYPE OF MEDICAL CARE PROVIDED IN A COST-EFFECTIVE WAY”

Senate Bill No. 628

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REASONABLE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE LOSS OF LIVES, INJURIES AND DAMAGES TO PROPERTY SUFFERED BY NON-COMBATANT INDIVIDUALS IN THE COURSE OF OPERATIONS BY THE MILITARY, POLICE AND/OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Senate Bill No. 629

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DIALYSIS WARD OR UNIT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE HOSPITAL AND PROVIDING FREE DIALYSIS TREATMENT TO INDIGENT PATIENTS”
Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 630**

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL PLAN FOR TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND CONTROL AND PROVIDING RELIABLE DRUGS SUPPLY AND FREE LABORATORY MONITORING SERVICE TO TB PATIENTS”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 631**

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE NATIONAL EDUCATION TESTING AND RESEARCH CENTER (NERTC) INTO A NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION AUTHORITY (NEAEA), DEFINING ITS STRUCTURE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 632**

“AN ACT LIMITING THE POWER OF ASSUMPTION OR CERTIFICATION OF LABOR DISPUTES BY THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO ACTIVITIES OR UNDERTAKING WHICH INVOLVE ESSENTIAL SERVICES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 263 (G) OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 422, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development
Senate Bill No. 633

“AN ACT CREATING A PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICE (PIMRO) IN ALL BRANCHES, SUBDIVISIONS, INSTRUMENTALITIES AND AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Public Information and Mass Media; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 634

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL ACCREDITING AGENCY FOR TEACHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (NAATEI)”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 635

“AN ACT AMENDING THE NEW CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES (REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386 AS AMENDED) ARTICLES 804, 805, 810 AND 811, PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF VIDEO TAPES OR OTHER SIMILAR VISUAL RECORDING DEVICE FOR TESTAMENTARY DISPOSITION OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEDED”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 636

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN INTERIM CENSUS OF FILIPINOS RESIDING ABROAD AND TO REQUIRE THAT SUCH INDIVIDUALS BE INCLUDED IN REGULAR CENSUSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 637

“AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE ON COMMUNICATIONS TO REVIEW AND ASSESS THE STATE OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND RECOMMEND POLICY, INSTITUTIONAL AND INFRASTRUCTURAL MEASURES TO ENSURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SECTOR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 638

“AN ACT TO PROFESSIONALIZE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SERVICES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 639

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 325 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referred to the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 640

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL BAMBOO AND RATTAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM HARMONIZING ECOLOGICAL BALANCE, WITH INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
Senate Bill No. 641

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, CREATING A NATIONAL BARANGAY BENEFITS AUGMENTATION FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Senate Bill No. 642

“AN ACT CREATING A COMMISSION ON MISSING PERSONS”

Senate Bill No. 643

“AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN LAND ADMINISTRATION”

Senate Bill No. 644

“AN ACT DECLARING AS AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY THE RELEASE OR INTRODUCTION OF GENETICALLY-MODIFIED ORGANISMS INTO THE ENVIRONMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
Senate Bill No. 645

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH CENTER IN THE FIFTEEN (15) REGIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Youth, Women And Family Relations; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 646

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUREAU ON HAZARDOUS WASTES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SPILLS AND DISEASE REGISTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 647

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Environment and Natural Resources; Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 648

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS WORKERS BANK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Referred to the Committee(s) on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 649

“AN ACT PROVIDING A MAGNA CARTA FOR DAY CARE WORKERS”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 650

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF FOOD PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Trade and Commerce; and Health and Demography

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1

“JOINT RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE COMBAT PAY OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) TO TWENTY-FIVE PER CENTUM (25%) OF THE BASE PAY OF A PRIVATE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on National Defense and Security; and Finance
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES”

- Introduced by Senator Vincente Sotto III
- Referred to the Committee on Rules
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