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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 16th Congress:

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10662

“AN ACT NAMING A STRETCH OF THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY ALONG THE ILOILO DIVERSION ROAD / ILOILO CAPIZ ROAD (OLD ROUTE) WHICH BEGINS AT THE JUNCTION OF GENERAL LUNA TO THE AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD AND ENDS AT THE GATE OF THE ILOILO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TRAVERSING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PAVIA, STA BARBARA AND CABATUAN, AND ILOILO CITY, AS "SENATOR BENIGNO S. AQUINO, JR AVENUE”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 3, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10663

“AN ACT NAMING AS THE "PRESIDENT CORAZON C. AQUINO AVENUE" THE CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD WHICH COMMENCES AT THE JUNCTION OF THE ILOILO-DUMANGAS COASTAL ROAD IN BALABAGO, JARO DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY, THEN FOLLOWS A GENERAL WESTWARD DIRECTION ALONG THE FLOODWAY'S SOUTH BANK TOWARDS BUHANG, JARO; TACAS, JARO AND UNGKA II, PAVIA, THEN TRAVERSES SOUTHWARDS TO THE MANDURRIAO DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY-PAVIA-SAN MIGUEL TRI-BORDER, AND

ENDS AT THE ILOILO-ANTIQUE ROAD, NEAR THE CENTER OF AREVALO DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 3, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10664

“AN ACT DECLARING THE LAST FULL WEEK OF AUGUST AS ARMED FORCES OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE WEEK”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 6, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10665

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OPEN HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 9, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10666

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN ABOARD MOTORCYCLES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 21, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10667

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY PROHIBITING ANTI-COMPETITIVE AGREEMENTS, ABUSE OF DOMINANT POSITION AND ANTI-COMPETITIVE MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS, ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE COMPETITION COMMISSION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 21, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10668

“AN ACT ALLOWING FOREIGN VESSELS TO TRANSPORT AND CO-LOAD FOREIGN CARGOES FOR DOMESTIC TRANSSHIPMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 21, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10669

“AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 18 OF EVERY YEAR AS “JESSE ROBREDO DAY”. A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 18, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10670

“AN ACT NAMING THE DIVERSION ROAD IN TACLOBAN CITY, LEYTE AS GOV. BENJAMIN “KOKOY” T. ROMUALDEZ DIVERSION ROAD”

- LAPSED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 20, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10671

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF GUBAT DISTRICT HOSPITAL TO SALVADOR R. ENCINAS DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN GUBAT, SORSOGON”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 19, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10672

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO FARRELL ELDRIAN WU”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 19, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10673

“AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO SIX (6) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 19, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10674

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DAVAO DEL NORTE REGIONAL SPORTS ACADEMY TO BE LOCATED IN THE DAVAO DEL NORTE SPORTS AND TOURISM COMPLEX AND ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 19, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10675

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TRIAS IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 19, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10676

“AN ACT PROTECTING THE AMATEUR NATURE OF STUDENT-ATHLETES IN THE PHILIPPINES BY REGULATING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT AND

PROHIBITING THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF STUDENT-ATHLETES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 26, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10677

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7938, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 26, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10678

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE DAVAO REGIONAL HOSPITAL INTO DAVAO REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7179”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 26, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10679

“AN ACT PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND FINANCIAL EDUCATION AMONG FILIPINO YOUTH”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 27, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10680

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL SPORTS ACADEMY IN THE CAPITAL CITY OF OROQUIETA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL

AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 27, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10681

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TALISAY SPORTS ACADEMY AND TRAINING CENTER IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 27, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10682

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ALFONSO SPORTS ACADEMY AND TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALFONSO, SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, PROVINCE OF CAVITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 27, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10683

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SIARGAO ISLAND SPORTS ACADEMY AND TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10684

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE KNOWN AS THE SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10685

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO PETER LESLIE WALLACE”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10686

“AN ACT CREATING THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY TO BE SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IPIL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- LAPSED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 11, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10687

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AND UNIFIED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION (UniFAST), THEREBY RATIONALIZING ACCESS THERETO, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 15, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10688

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED 1536, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING LAW OF THE PHILIPPINES”, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 20, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10689

“AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 9 AS NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY AND MANDATING THE MEANINGFUL OBSERVANCE THEREOF”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 23, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10690

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF FORESTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE (R.A. NO. 6239), KNOWN AS “THE FORESTRY PROFESSION LAW”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 23, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10691

“AN ACT DEFINING THE ROLE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE), THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs), AND ACCREDITED NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs) IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE (PESO), AND THE OPERATION OF JOB PLACEMENT OFFICES IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (EIs), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 3, 5, 6, 7 AND 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8759, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE ACT OF 1999"

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 26, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10692

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE ATMOSPHERIC, GEOPHYSICAL AND ASTRONOMICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (PAGASA), PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 3, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10693

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs) ENGAGED IN MICROFINANCE OPERATIONS FOR THE POOR"

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 3, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10694

"AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES FOR ANGELES CITY, ONE (1) MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT FOR MAGALANG, AND ONE (1) MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES FOR THE CITY OF MABALACAT, ALL SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION, THUS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY

REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 11, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10695

“AN ACT CREATING A BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN, IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (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 NOVEMBER 11, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10696

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO, IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 11, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10697

“AN ACT PREVENTING THE PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION BY MANAGING

THE TRADE IN STRATEGIC GOODS, THE PROVISION OF RELATED SERVICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 13, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10698

“AN ACT TO REGULATE AND MODERNIZE THE PRACTICE OF NAVAL ARCHITECTURE IN THE”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 13, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10699

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF INCENTIVES GRANTED TO NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9064, ALSO KNOWN AS THE “NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 2001” OR “SPORTS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 2001”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 13, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10700

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN SAN JOSE CITY, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (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 NOVEMBER 20, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10701

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT INITAO, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL REGION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (K) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 20, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10702

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN, IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (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 NOVEMBER 20, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10703

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF GUIHULNGAN, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL, IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (H) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129,

OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 20, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10704

"AN ACT CREATING NINETEEN (19) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (D) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 20, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10705

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE EXISTING 5th MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT OF CARMONA-GENERAL MARIANO ALVAREZ INTO A MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT WITH SEAT AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMONA, AND CREATING A SEPARATE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL MARIANO ALVAREZ, ALL SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE, IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 20, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10706

“AN ACT PROTECTING SEAFARERS AGAINST AMBULANCE CHASING AND IMPOSITION OF EXCESSIVE FEES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 26, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10707

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 968, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PROBATION LAW OF 1976”, AS AMENDED”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 26, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10708

“AN ACT ENHANCING TRANSPARENCY IN THE MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTING OF TAX INCENTIVES ADMINISTERED BY INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 9, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10709

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS FORFEITABLE LEAVE PRIVILEGES ANNUALLY TO ALL JUDGES OF THE FIRST LEVEL COURTS”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 9, 2015

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“AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 9, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10711

"AN ACT CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT, IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION, TO BE STATIONED IN PASAY CITY, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (D) AND SECTION 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 9, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10712

"AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN SORSOGON CITY, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL REGION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (F) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 9, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10713

"AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN PARANAQUE CITY, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (D) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 9, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10714

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 9, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10715

"AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, IN THE

SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 9, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10716

"AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF BATASAN HILLS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BATASAN HILLS, CITY OF QUEZON, METRO MANILA TO CORAZON C. AQUINO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL"

- LAPSED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 10, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10717

"AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 21, 2015

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"AN ACT SEPARATING THE KALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - SALEGSEG ANNEX IN BARANGAY SALEGSEG, MUNICIPALITY OF BALBALAN PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE KALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BALBALAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 29, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10719

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE ALFONSO CASTAÑEDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - ABUYO ANNEX IN BARANGAY ABUYO, MUNICIPALITY OF ALFONSO CASTAÑEDA. PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA FROM THE ALFONSO CASTANEDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ABUYO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 29, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10720

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE STA. MARCELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - CONSUELO ANNEX IN BARANGAY CONSUELO, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARCELA, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE STA. MARCELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CONSUELO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 29, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10721

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BACUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - PALANDOK ANNEX IN BARANGAY PALANDOK, MUNICIPALITY OF LEON B. POSTIGO PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE BACUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CONVERTING IT

INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PALANDOK NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 29, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10722

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE LIBERTAD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - COLONGULO ANNEX IN BARANGAY COLONGULO, MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO FROM THE LIBERTAD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS COLONGULO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 29, 2015

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“AN ACT SEPARATING THE LUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - TUMOG ANNEX IN BARANGAY TUMOG, MUNICIPALITY OF LUNA, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE LUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TUMOG NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 29, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10724

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 29, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10725

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 29, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10726

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE GENERAL EMILIO AGUINALDO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY PASONG BUAYA II, IMUS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE FROM THE GENERAL EMILIO AGUINALDO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS GENERAL LICERIO TOPACIO NATIONAL, HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 29, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10727

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SILAE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – ST. PETER ANNEX IN BARANGAY ST. PETER, CITY OF MALAYBALAY, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON FROM THE SILAE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ST. PETER NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 29, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10728

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 29, 2015

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10729

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KNOWN AS DANIEL C. MANTOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TICWAS, MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALINAO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS MA. CLARA LOBREGAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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“AN ACT SEPARATING THE HALAPITAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LITTLE BAGUIO ANNEX IN BARANGAY LITTLE BAGUIO, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO,

PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON FROM THE HALAPITAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LITTLE BAGUIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MIDSALIP NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL–BULORON ANNEX IN BARANGAY BULORON, MUNICIPALITY OF MIDSALIP, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR FROM THE MIDSALIP NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BULORON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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