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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 Eighteenth Congress covering the period October 2021 to December 2021.

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 14, 2021

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> APPROVED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 28, 2021

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 10, 2021

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