

Senate of the Philippines

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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 2020 to December 2020.

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Provided below are the laws passed and approved by the President of the Philippines during the 2nd Regular Session of the 18th Congress:

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11495

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WOMEN’S AND CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAMPLONA IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BICOL WOMEN’S AND CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 13, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11496

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE WESTERN VISAYAS MEDICAL CENTER IN MANDURRIAO, ILOILO CITY FROM FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (425) BEDS TO SEVEN HUNDRED (700) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 13, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11497

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE LAS PIÑAS GENERAL HOSPITAL AND SATELLITE TRAUMA

CENTER IN LAS PIÑAS CITY, METRO MANILA FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 13, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11498

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE CAGAYAN VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER (CVMC) IN TUGUEGARAO CITY, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 13, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11499

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE SERVICES OF THE MALITA DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL, RENAMING IT AS THE MALITA WOMEN’S AND CHILDREN’S WELLNESS CENTER”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 13, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11500

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE SIARGAO DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A LEVEL II GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIARGAO ISLAND MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 13, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11501

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE QUIRINO MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 13, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11502

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS THE “NATIONAL COOPERATIVE MONTH”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 16, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11503

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS BAYAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3259, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH RADIO STATIONS FOR DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS, RADIOPHONE, BROADCASTING AND TELECASTING”, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 4905 AND 7633”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 20, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11504

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CACERES

BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8106, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE CACERES BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE ISLAND OF LUZON AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 20,2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11505

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO METRO MANILA TURF CLUB, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO.7978, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE METRO MANILA TURF CLUB, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A RACE TRACK FOR HORSE RACING IN THE CITY OF KALOOKAN”, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO.8298”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 20,2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11506

“AN ACT GRANTING SAN MIGUEL AEROCITY INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, DEVELOP, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULAKAN, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, AND TO CONSTRUCT, DEVELOP, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN AN ADJACENT AIRPORT CITY”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 20,2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11507

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO FBS RADIO NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8114, ENTITLED

“AN ACT GRANTING FBS RADIO NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 21, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11508

“AN ACT AMENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PHILIPPINE COLLECTIVEMEDIA CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9773, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE COLLECTIVEMEDIA CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN REGION VIII (EASTERN VISAYAS)”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 21, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11509

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP AND RETURN SERVICE PROGRAM FOR DESERVING STUDENTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 23, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11510

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM IN BASIC EDUCATION FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHILDREN IN SPECIAL CASES AND ADULTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 23, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11511

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10068 OR THE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ACT OF 2010”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 23, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11512

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CACERES BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8106, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE CACERES BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE ISLAND OF LUZON AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 26, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11513

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CENTURY COMMUNICATIONS MARKETING CENTER, INC., DOING BUSINESS UNDER THE NAME AND STYLE OF CENTURY BROADCASTING NETWORK, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8133, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING CENTURY COMMUNICATIONS MARKETING CENTER, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 26, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11514

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO TANDAG ELECTRIC AND TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8715, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE TANDAG ELECTRIC AND TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORK IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 26, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11515

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE DAVAO LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8960, ENTITLED “AN ACT FURTHER EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO DAVAO LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, INC. TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AN ELECTRIC LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER SYSTEM IN DAVAO CITY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CARMEN, PANABO, DUJALI, AND SANTO TOMAS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 26, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11516

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO NEGROS BROADCASTING AND PUBLISHING CORPORATION, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8161, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE NEGROS BROADCASTING AND PUBLISHING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 26, 2020

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 23, 2020

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“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 TWENTY-ONE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 28, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11519

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11494, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “BAYANIHAN TO RECOVER AS ONE ACT”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 29, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11520

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2020 APPROPRIATIONS TO DECEMBER 31, 2021, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 60 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS

OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11465 OR THE GENERAL
APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2020”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 29, 2020

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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