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Introduced by SENATOR VICENTE C. SOTTO III

AN ACT

REFORMING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX AND INCENTIVES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 5, 6, 20, 22, 25, 27, 28, 34, 40, 50, 73, 112, 119, 204, 220, 222, 237, 237-A, 250, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, AND 275 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, CREATING THEREIN NEW TITLES XII AND XIII, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In January 2018, the government implemented Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) package 1, which after six months of enforcement, has gained the government the rightful budget to finance, among others, its social mitigation program for the poor, the free education program and to start the initial phase of build, build, build program of the Duterte administration. While the effectiveness of TRAIN 1 is creditable, the rising price of basic commodities, power and food, which are utilized by the majority of the population belonging to the lower strata of the society, have been wrongly blamed to the effect of TRAIN 1.

It is quite unfortunate that the targeted 3.7% inflation rate set by the Department of Finance ballooned to 5.2%. The offshoot, however, of the targeted effects of TRAIN 1 to our inflation have been caused by other external factors not related to it. These include, among others, the increase on world oil prices that jumped from \$53.7 per barrel in the start of this year to a high of \$75.16 per barrel in June 2018. The increase in US interest rates that led to peso depreciation against the US dollar from P49.74 in January to P53.05 in June 2018. There are other contributory factors that

affect the rising prices, like increase in the price of rice imports and other uncontrollable factors pushed by market forces. This untimely economic phenomenon brought about misconception that the TRAIN 1 brought to the continuing rising of prices, where in fact, the tax reform, in quantifiable term, only contributed 0.4 out of the 5.2% of the inflation rate that is hurting our citizens.

The 915,000 registered corporations have become the partner of the government to utilize them as its prime agents to collect revenues through taxes. These include indirect tax like the value added tax (VAT), personal income tax, from the millions of employees, and such other taxes being withheld by corporation owners. While the purpose of the corporate income tax (CIT) imposed provides revenue for the government, a way of redistributing wealth and a way to regulate the corporations' operations to reinforce the political relevance of CIT, it is about time that the government lowers the corporate income tax from the current 30% to 25%, while expanding the tax base by repealing 123 special laws on investment tax incentives and consolidate into a single omnibus incentives provided in this bill, and through the repeal of the National Internal Revenue Code exemptions of government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), proprietary educational institutions and hospitals, regional or area headquarters (RHQs), regional operating headquarters (ROHQs), income of resident foreign corporation from foreign currency transactions, nonresident cinematographic film owner, lessor or distributor and owner or lessor of vessels, aircraft, machineries and other equipment.

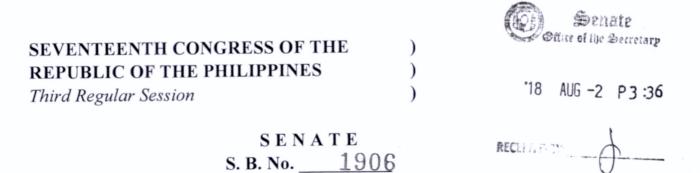
Moreover, through this bill, the existing investment tax incentives shall not be removed, but it will be rationalized. For the past two (2) to three (3) decades, there are 654 firms enjoying incentives from the government. Thus, it is high time to have a tax incentives system that is performance-based, targeted, transparent and time-bound in order to ensure that the Filipino people will gain from every peso that the government gives to the firms registered in the investment promotion agencies (IPAs). Also, this

measure being proposed will simplify the tax system to avoid tax evasion, and providing higher penalties to tax violations offenders.

Considering that this is a revenue neutral tax measure, it will not have any inflationary effects but it may one way or another provide support to some 90,000 plus SMSEs to be covered by this Act.

I therefore urge my colleagues to support the urgent passage of this important measure.

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CREATING THEREIN NEW TITLES XII AND XIII, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

- SECTION 1. *Title.* This Act shall be known as the "Corporate Income Tax and Incentives Reform Act."
- SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy*. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to develop the national economy towards global competitiveness by implementing tax policies instrumental in attracting investments, which will result in productivity enhancement, employment generation, countrywide development, and a more inclusive economic growth, while at the same time maintaining fiscal prudence and stability.
 - To achieve these objectives, the State shall:

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(a) Enhance the progressivity of the tax system and improve the equity and efficiency of the corporate tax system by lowering the

rate, widening the tax base, and reducing tax distortions and leakages; and

(b) Develop a more market-responsive and globally-competitive tax and investment incentives regime that is performance-based, targeted, time-bound, and transparent.

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- SEC. 3. Section 5 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended (NIRC) is hereby amended to insert thereafter a new section 5-A to read as follows:
 - SEC. 5-A. POWER OF THE COMMISSIONER TO ISSUE SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM; HOW SERVICE OF SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM IS MADE. - PURSUANT TO SECTION 5 OF THIS CODE, IN CASE THE INFORMATION OR RECORDS REQUESTED ARE THE PERIOD **FURNISHED** WITHIN NOT PRESCRIBED IN THE WRITTEN NOTICE, OR WHEN THE INFORMATION OR RECORDS SUBMITTED **COMMISSIONER** INCOMPLETE. THE ARE **SUBPOENA DUCES** AUTHORIZED TO **ISSUE** A WHICH **MUST SPECIFY** WITH **TECUM** DESCRIPTION THE BOOKS, REASONABLE DOCUMENTS, OR THINGS REQUESTED, STATING THEREIN THEIR RELEVANCE OR MATERIALITY **IDENTIFYING INQUIRY** AND THE PARTY/OFFICE IN OR THIRD TAXPAYER POSSESSION, CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF THE SAME.
 - THE SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM SHALL BE SERVED BY THE REVENUE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATE THE CASE OR BY ANY OTHER INTERNAL REVENUE OFFICER AUTHORIZED FOR THE PURPOSE.
 - THE **SUBPOENA** PRACTICABLE, WHENEVER DUCES TECUM SHALL BE SERVED THROUGH SERVICE. IF, **FOR JUSTIFIABLE** PERSONAL BE SERVED CAUSES, THE TAXPAYER CANNOT REASONABLE TIME THROUGH WITHIN A

PERSONAL SERVICE, THE SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM MAY BE SERVED BY SUBSTITUTED SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF COURT.

SEC. 4. Section 6 of the NIRC is hereby further amended to insert thereafter a new section 6-A to read as follows:

SEC. 6-A. SERVICE OF LETTER OF AUTHORITY, ASSESSMENT NOTICES, AND OTHER REQUIRED NOTICES ISSUED BY THE BUREAU. — THE LETTER OF AUTHORITY, ASSESSMENT NOTICES, AND OTHER REQUIRED NOTICES TO THE TAXPAYER MAY BE SERVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OR HIS DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE BY DELIVERING PERSONALLY A COPY THEREOF TO THE TAXPAYER'S REGISTERED ADDRESS OR KNOWN ADDRESS, OR WHEREVER A TAXPAYER MAY BE FOUND.

A KNOWN ADDRESS SHALL MEAN A PARTY'S PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR A PLACE OTHER THAN A PARTY'S REGISTERED ADDRESS WHERE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES ARE CONDUCTED.

IN CASE PERSONAL SERVICE IS NOT PRACTICABLE, THE LETTER OF AUTHORITY, ASSESSMENT NOTICES, AND OTHER REQUIRED NOTICES MAY BE SERVED BY SUBSTITUTED SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF COURT.

SEC. 5. Section 20 of the NIRC is hereby further amended to read as follows:

SEC. 20. Submission of Report and Pertinent Information by the Commissioner. –

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SUBMISSION OF TAX-RELATED INFORMATION **(B)** THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE. -TOCOMMISSIONER SHALL, UPON REQUEST OF THE **FINANCE** SPECIFICALLY **OF** SECRETARY IDENTIFYING THE NEEDED INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH REQUEST, FURNISH **SECRETARY** PERTINENT TAX-RELATED INFORMATION: PROVIDED, THAT WHEN SUCH INFORMATION TENDS TO IDENTIFY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY A PARTICULAR TAXPAYER, THE THE RELEVANT OFFICERS SECRETARY AND THE INFORMATION SHALL HANDLING COVERED BY THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 270 **TAXPAYER** UNLESS THE CODE \mathbf{OF} THIS CONSENTS IN WRITING TO SUCH DISCLOSURE.

[(B)] (C) Report to Oversight Committee. – xxx

SEC. 6. Section 22 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 22. Definitions. – When used in this Title:

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- (II) THE TERM 'CAPITAL EQUIPMENT' REFERS TO MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, MAJOR COMPONENTS THEREOF, FITTINGS AND ACCOMPANIMENTS, WHICH ARE DIRECTLY AND REASONABLY NEEDED IN THE REGISTERED ACTIVITY OF THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE.
- (JJ) THE TERM 'EXPORT ENTERPRISE' SHALL 26 MEAN A REGISTERED ENTERPRISE THAT IS A 27 PROCESSOR, OR **SERVICE** MANUFACTURER, 28 PROVIDER AND WHOSE EXPORT SALE OF ITS 29 PRODUCTS OR SERVICES IS AT LEAST NINETY 30 **ITS TOTAL ANNUAL** (90%)**OF** PERCENT PRECEDING PRODUCTION **OF** THE32 YEAR. 33

(KK) THE TERM 'DOMESTIC ENTERPRISE' SHALL **ENTERPRISE** REGISTERED MEAN SALE OR RENDERS PRODUCES GOODS FOR DOMESTIC SERVICES EXCLUSIVELY TO THE MARKET OR DOES NOT MEET THE MINIMUM EXPORT **OF** AN REQUIREMENT **EXPORT** ENTERPRISE.

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- (LL) THE TERM 'EXPORT SALES OF GOODS' SHALL MEAN THE SALES OF AN EXPORT ENTERPRISE PAID FOR IN FREELY CONVERTIBLE FOREIGN CURRENCY INWARDLY REMITTED TO THE PHILIPPINES FROM THE FOLLOWING:
 - (1) THE SALE AND ACTUAL SHIPMENT OF GOODS FROM THE PHILIPPINES TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY BY AN EXPORT ENTERPRISE;
 - (2) SALES TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND INSTITUTIONS COVERED BY INTERNATIONAL TREATY;
 - (3) SALES OF AN EXPORT ENTERPRISE TO INTERNATIONAL SEA OR AIR TRANSPORT OPERATIONS OF GOODS, EQUIPMENT, SPARE PARTS, AND SUPPLIES, EXCEPT FUEL, FORMING PART OF DIRECT COSTS AND TO BE USED IN THE AIRCRAFT OR SEACRAFT, AND CAPITAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR SHIPPING OR AIR TRANSPORT OPERATIONS;
- (MM)THE TERM 'EXPORT SALES OF SERVICES' SHALL MEAN THE SALES OF AN EXPORT ENTERPRISE, PAID FOR IN FREELY CONVERTIBLE FOREIGN CURRENCY INWARDLY REMITTED TO THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE FOLLOWING:
 - (1) SERVICES RENDERED TO NON-RESIDENT FOREIGN CLIENTS BY EXPORT ENTERPRISES;

(2) SERVICES RENDERED TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND INSTITUTIONS COVERED BY INTERNATIONAL TREATY;

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- (3) SERVICES FOR THE OVERHAUL, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING, OR AIR TRANSPORT OPERATIONS.
- (NN) THE TERM 'INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES' (IPAS) SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS THAT UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10708, OR THE TAX INCENTIVES MANAGEMENT AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (TIMTA).
- (00)THE TERM *'REGISTERED* ENTERPRISE' SHALL MEAN ANY INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, PHILIPPINE **BRANCH** FOREIGN CORPORATION, OR OTHER ENTITY ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER PHILIPPINE LAWS AND REGISTERED WITH AN IPA. PROVIDED, **TERM** HOWEVER. THAT THE "REGISTERED ENTERPRISE" SHALL NOT INCLUDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICE ENTERPRISES SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE ENGAGED **CUSTOMS** BROKERAGE, TRUCKING OR FORWARDING SERVICES, JANITORIAL SERVICES, SECURITY SERVICES, INSURANCE, BANKING, AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES. CONSUMERS' COOPERATIVES, CREDIT UNIONS, CONSULTANCY SERVICES, RETAIL BUSINESS, RESTAURANTS, OR SUCH OTHER SIMILAR SERVICES, AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE IPA BOARD, IRRESPECTIVE OF LOCATION, WHETHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE ZONES, DULY ACCREDITED AND/OR LICENSED BY ANY OF THE IPAS AND WHOSE INCOME DELIVERED WITHIN THE ECONOMIC ZONES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO TAXES UNDER THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED.

(PP) THE TERM 'SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE' OR 'ECOZONE' SHALL REFER TO A SELECTED AREA THAT IS HIGHLY DEVELOPED, OR WHICH HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE DEVELOPED INTO AGRO-INDUSTRIAL, INFORMATION INDUSTRIAL, TECHNOLOGY, TOURIST/RECREATIONAL, WHOSE METES AND BOUNDS ARE FIXED OR DELIMITED BY PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION AND WITHIN A SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. AN ECOZONE MAY CONTAIN ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: INDUSTRIAL ESTATES (IES), EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES (EPZS), ICT PARKS AND CENTERS, AND FREE TRADE ZONES: PROVIDED, THAT AREAS **EXTRACTIONS** MINING WHERE UNDERTAKEN SHALL NOT BE DECLARED AS THE ECOZONES: PROVIDED FURTHER. **THAT** WITH THE **SHOULD** COMPLY **ECOZONES** LAND AREA TO BE MINIMUM CONTIGUOUS **INCENTIVES** DETERMINED \mathbf{BY} THE FISCAL REVIEW BOARD (FIRB).

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(QQ) THE TERM 'FREEPORT ZONE' REFERS TO AN ISOLATED AND POLICED AREA ADJACENT TO A PORT OF ENTRY, WHICH SHALL BE OPERATED AS A **SEPARATE** CUSTOMS MANAGED **FLOW** TO **ENSURE** FREE TERRITORY GOODS, **EXCEPT THOSE** OF MOVEMENT EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED BY LAW, WITHIN, INTO, AND EXPORTED OUT OF THE FREEPORT ZONE WHERE IMPORTED GOODS MAY BE UNLOADED FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSSHIPMENT OR STORED, REPACKED, SORTED, MIXED, OR OTHERWISE MANIPULATED WITHOUT BEING SUBJECT IMPORT DUTIES. HOWEVER, MOVEMENT THESE IMPORTED GOODS FROM THE FREE-TRADE AREA TO A NON-FREE TRADE AREA IN THE COUNTRY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES AND **DUTIES.**

(RR) THE TERM 'TAX EXPENDITURES' REFER TO PROVISIONS OF LAW THAT GRANT RELIEF IN TAX **SUBSIDIES** OR TAX **FORM** OF INCENTIVES THAT REDUCE TAX REVENUES. FOR **PURPOSES** OF LOWERING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE, THE ESTIMATES OF TAX **EXPENDITURES** SHALL **INCLUDE** ALL TAX SUBSIDIES OR TAX INCENTIVES AVAILED OF BY BUSINESS TAXPAYERS IN A PARTICULAR YEAR, EXCEPT VAT, AS REPORTED BY THE DOF.

SEC. 7. Section 25 of the NIRC is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 25. Tax on Nonresident Alien Individual. -

(A) Nonresident Alien Engaged in trade or Business Within the Philippines. –

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(B) Nonresident Alien Not Engaged in Trade or Business Within the Philippines. –

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[(C) Alien Individual Employed by Regional or Area Headquarters and Regional Operating Headquarters of Multinational Companies.- There shall be levied, collected and paid for each taxable year upon the gross income received by every alien individual employed by regional or area headquarters and regional operating headquarters established in the Philippines by multinational companies as salaries, wages, annuities, compensation, remuneration and other emoluments, such as honoraria and allowances, from such regional or area headquarters and regional operating headquarters, a tax equal to fifteen percent (15%) of such gross income: Provided, however, That the same tax treatment shall apply to Filipinos employed and occupying the same position as those of aliens employed by these multinational companies. For purposes of this Chapter, the term 'multinational company' means a foreign firm or entity

engaged in international trade with affiliates or subsidiaries or branch offices in the Asia-Pacific Region and other foreign markets.]

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- [(D) Alien Individual Employed by Offshore Banking Units. There shall be levied, collected and paid for each taxable year upon the gross income received by every alien individual employed by offshore banking units established in the Philippines as salaries, wages, annuities, compensation, remuneration and other emoluments, such as honoraria and allowances, from such off-shore banking units, a tax equal to fifteen percent (15%) of such gross income: Provided, however, That the same tax treatment shall apply to Filipinos employed and occupying the same positions as those of aliens employed by these offshore banking units.]
- [(E) Alien Individual Employed by Petroleum Service Contractor and Subcontractor. An Alien individual who is a permanent resident of a foreign country but who is employed and assigned in the Philippines by a foreign service contractor or by a foreign service subcontractor engaged in petroleum operations in the Philippines shall be liable to a tax of fifteen percent (15%) of the salaries, wages, annuities, compensation, remuneration and other emoluments, such as honoraria and allowances, received from such contractor or subcontractor: Provided, however, That the same tax treatment shall apply to a Filipino employed and occupying the same position as an alien employed by petroleum service contractor and subcontractor.]

[Any income earned from all other sources within the Philippines by the alien employees referred to under Subsections (C), (D) and (E) hereof shall be subject to the pertinent income tax, as the case may be, imposed under this Code.]

SEC. 8. Section 27 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 27. Rates of Income Tax on Domestic Corporations. –

(A) In General. – Except as otherwise provided in this Code, an income tax of [thirty-five percent (35%)] TWENTY FIVE PERCENT (25%) is hereby imposed upon the taxable income derived during each taxable year from all sources within and without the Philippines by every corporation, as defined in section 22(B) of this Code and taxable under this Title as a corporation, organized in, or existing under the laws of the Philippines: [Provided, That effective January 1, 2009, the rate of income tax shall be thirty percent (30%).]

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[Provided, further, That the President, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Finance, may effective January 1, 2000, allow corporations the option to be taxed at fifteen percent (15%) of gross income as defined herein, after the following conditions have been satisfied:]

- [(1) A tax effort ratio of twenty percent (20%) of Gross National Product (GNP);]
- [(2) A ratio of forty percent (40%) of income tax collection to total tax revenues;]
- [(3) A VAT tax effort of four percent (4%) of GNP; and] [(4) A 0.9 percent (0.9%) ratio of the Consolidated Public
- Sector Financial Position (CPSFP) to GNP.]

[The option to be taxed based on gross income shall be available only to firms whose ratio of cost of sales to gross sales or receipts from all sources does not exceed fifty-five percent (55%).]

[The election of the gross income tax option by the corporation shall be irrevocable for three (3) consecutive taxable years during which the corporation is qualified under the scheme.]

[For purposes of this Section, the term 'gross income' derived from business shall be equivalent to gross sales less sales returns, discounts and allowances and cost of goods sold. 'Cost of goods sold' shall include all business expenses directly incurred to produce the merchandise to bring them to their present location and use.]

[For a trading or merchandising concern, 'cost of goods sold' shall include the invoice cost of the goods sold, plus import duties, freight in transporting the goods to the place where the goods are actually sold, including insurance while the goods are in transit.]

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[For a manufacturing concern, 'cost of goods manufactured and sold' shall include all costs of production of finished goods, such as raw materials used, direct labor and manufacturing overhead, freight cost, insurance premiums and other costs incurred to bring the raw materials to the factory or warehouse.]

[In the case of taxpayers engaged in the sale of service, 'gross income' means gross receipts less sales returns, allowances and discounts.]

[(B) Proprietary Educational Institutions and Hospitals. -Proprietary educational institutions and hospitals which are nonprofit shall pay a tax of ten percent (10%) on their taxable income except those covered by Subsection (D) hereof: Provided, That if the gross income from unrelated trade, business or other activity exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the total gross income derived by such educational institutions or hospitals from all sources, the tax prescribed in Subsection (A) hereof shall be imposed on the entire taxable income. For purposes of this Subsection, the term 'unrelated trade, business or other activity' means any trade, business or other activity, the conduct of which is not substantially related to the exercise or performance by such educational institution or hospital of its primary purpose or function. A 'proprietary educational institution' is any private school maintained and administered by private individuals or groups with an issued permit to operate from the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), or the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), or the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), as the case may be, in accordance with existing laws and regulations.]

[(C)] **(B)** Government-owned or -Controlled Corporations, Agencies or Instrumentalities. - The provisions of existing special or general laws to the contrary notwithstanding, all

corporations, agencies, or instrumentalities owned or controlled by the Government, except the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), the Social Security System (SSS), AND the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC), [and the local water districts] shall pay such rate of tax upon their taxable income as are imposed by this Section upon corporations or associations engaged in a similar business, industry, or activity.

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SEC. 9. Section 28 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 28. Rates of Income Tax on Foreign Corporations. -

- (A) Tax on Resident Foreign Corporations. -
- (1) In General. Except as otherwise provided in this Code, a corporation organized, authorized, or existing under the laws of any foreign country, engaged in trade or business within the Philippines, shall be subject to an income tax equivalent to [thirty-five percent (35%)] TWENTY FIVE PERCENT (25%) of the taxable income derived in the preceding taxable year from all sources within the Philippines: [Provided, That effective January 1, 2009, the rate of income tax shall be thirty percent (30%).]

[Provided, however, That a resident foreign corporation shall be granted the option to be taxed at fifteen percent (15%) on gross income under the same conditions, as provided in Section 27 (A).]

(2) Minimum Corporate Income Tax on Resident Foreign Corporations. – xxx

- (3) International Carrier. xxx
- (4) Offshore Banking Units. xxx.

- (5) Tax on Branch Profits Remittances. Any profit remitted by a branch to its head office shall be subject to a tax of fifteen percent (15%) which shall be based on the total profits applied or earmarked for remittance without any deduction for the tax component thereof [(except those activities which are registered with the Philippine Economic Zone Authority)]. xxx
- [(6) Regional or Area Headquarters and Regional Operating Headquarters of Multinational Companies. –
- (a) Regional or area headquarters as defined in Section 22 (DD) shall not be subject to income tax.
- (b) Regional operating headquarters as defined in Section 22 (EE) shall pay a tax of ten percent (10%) of their table income.]
- [(7)] (6) Tax on Certain Incomes Received by a Resident Foreign Corporation. –
- (a) Interest from Deposits and Yield or any other Monetary Benefit from Deposit Substitutes, Trust Funds and Similar Arrangements and Royalties. Interest from any currency bank deposit and yield or any other monetary benefit from deposit substitutes and from trust funds and similar arrangements and royalties derived from sources within the Philippines shall be subject to a final income tax at the rate of twenty percent (20%) of such interest: Provided, however, That interest income derived by a resident foreign corporation from a depository bank under the expanded foreign currency deposit system shall be subject to a final income tax at the rate of [seven and one-half percent (7 1/2%)] FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) of such interest income.
- (b) Income Derived under the Expanded Foreign Currency Deposit System. xxx

(c) Capital Gains from Sale of Shares of Stock Not Traded in the Stock Exchange. — A final tax at the rate[s prescribed below] **OF FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%)** is hereby imposed upon the net capital gains realized during the taxable year from the sale, barter, exchange or other disposition of shares of stock in a domestic corporation xcept shares sold or disposed of through the stock exchange[:].

[Not over P100,000 5% On any amount in excess of P100,000 10%]

(d) Intercorporate Dividends. - xxx

- (B) Tax on Nonresident Foreign Corporation. –
- (1) In General. Except as otherwise provided in this Code, a foreign corporation not engaged in trade or business in the Philippines shall pay a tax equal to [thirty-five percent (35%)] TWENTY FIVE PERCENT (25%) of the gross income received during each taxable year from all sources within the Philippines, such as interests, dividends, rents, royalties, salaries, premiums (except reinsurance premiums), annuities, emoluments or other fixed or determinable annual, periodic or casual gains, profits and income, and capital gains, except capital gains subject to tax under subparagraph 5 (c): [Provided, That effective January 1, 2009, the rate of income tax shall be thirty percent (30%).]
- [(2) Nonresident Cinematographic Film Owner, Lessor or Distributor. A cinematographic film owner, lessor, or distributor shall pay a tax of twenty-five percent (25%) of its gross income from all sources within the Philippines.]
- [(3) Nonresident Owner or Lessor of Vessels Chartered by Philippine Nationals.— A nonresident owner or lessor of vessels shall be subject to a tax of four and one-half percent (4 1/2%) of gross rentals, lease or charter fees from leases or charters to Filipino citizens or corporations, as approved by the Maritime Industry Authority.]

- [(4) Nonresident Owner or Lessor of Aircraft, Machineries and Other Equipment. Rentals, charters and other fees derived by a nonresident lessor of aircraft, machineries and other equipment shall be subject to a tax of seven and one-half percent (7 1/2%) of gross rentals or fees.]
- [(5)] (2) Tax on Certain Incomes Received by a Nonresident Foreign Corporation. –
- (a) Interest on Foreign Loans. xxx

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- Intercorporate Dividends. A final withholding tax at the rate of fifteen percent (15%) is hereby imposed on the amount of cash and/or property dividends received from a domestic corporation, which shall be collected and paid as provided in Section 57 (A) of this Code, subject to the condition that the country in which the nonresident foreign corporation is domiciled, shall allow a credit against the tax due from the nonresident foreign corporation taxes deemed to have been paid in the Philippines equivalent to Itwenty percent (20%), TEN PERCENT (10%), which represents the difference between the regular income tax of [thirty-five percent (35%)] TWENTY FIVE PERCENT (25%) and the fifteen percent (15%) tax on dividends as provided in this subparagraph; *Provided*, That effective [January 1, 2009] JANUARY 1, 2019, the credit against the tax due shall be equivalent to [fifteen percent (15%)] TEN PERCENT (10%), which represents the difference between the regular income tax of [thirty percent (30%)] TWENTY FIVE **PERCENT** (25%) and the fifteen percent (15%) tax on dividends;
- (c) Capital Gains from Sale of Shares of Stock not Traded in the Stock Exchange. A final tax at the rate[s prescribed below] **OF FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%)** is hereby imposed upon the net capital gains realized during the taxable year from the sale, barter, exchange or other disposition of shares of stock in a domestic corporation, except shares sold, or disposed of through the stock exchange[:].

[Not over P100,000

On any amount in excess of P100,000 10%] **SEC. 10.** Section 34 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

- SEC. 34. Deductions from Gross Income. xxx
- (A) Expenses. –

- (1) Ordinary and Necessary Trade, Business or Professional Expenses.- xxx
 - [(2) Expenses Allowable to Private Educational Institutions. In addition to the expenses allowable as deductions under this Chapter, a private educational institution, referred to under Section 27 (B) of this Code, may at its option elect either: (a) to deduct expenditures otherwise considered as capital outlays of depreciable assets incurred during the taxable year for the expansion of school facilities or (b) to deduct allowance for depreciation thereof under Subsection (F) hereof.]
 (B) Interest. —
 - (1) In General. The amount of interest paid or incurred within a taxable year on indebtedness in connection with the taxpayer's profession, trade or business shall be allowed as deduction from gross income: Provided, however, That the taxpayer's otherwise allowable deduction for interest expense shall be reduced by [forty-two percent (42%)] THIRTY THREE PERCENT (33%) of the interest income subjected to final tax: [Provided, That effective January 1, 2009, the percentage shall be thirty-three percent (33%).] PROVIDED FINALLY, THAT THE FOLLOWING PERCENTAGES SHALL APPLY IF THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 27 (A) AND 28(A)(1) IS ADJUSTED AS FOLLOWS:
- IF THE RATE IS 29%, INTEREST EXPENSE REDUCTION RATE IS 31%;
- IF THE RATE IS 28%, INTEREST EXPENSE REDUCTION RATE IS 28%;
- IF THE RATE IS 27%, INTEREST EXPENSE REDUCTION RATE IS 25%;

IF THE RATE IS 26%, INTEREST EXPENSE REDUCTION RATE IS 23%:

IF THE RATE IS 25%, INTEREST EXPENSE REDUCTION RATE IS 20%.

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(L) Optional Standard Deduction (OSD). - In lieu of the deductions allowed under the preceding Subsections, an individual subject to tax under Section 24, other than a nonresident alien, [may elect a standard deduction in an amount not exceeding forty percent (40%) of his gross sales or gross receipts, as the case maybe. In the case of al AND A corporation subject to tax under Sections 27(A) and 28 (A)(1), [it] may elect a standard deduction in an amount not exceeding TWENTY PERCENT (20%) [forty percent (40%)] of its gross income as defined in Section 32 of this Code. Unless the taxpayer signifies in his return his intention to elect the optional standard deduction, he shall be considered as having availed himself of the deductions allowed in the preceding Subsections. Such election when made in the return shall be irrevocable for the taxable year for which the return is made: Provided, That an individual who is entitled to and claimed for the optional standard deduction shall not be required to submit with his tax return such financial statements otherwise required under this Code: Provided, further, That except when the Commissioner otherwise permits, the said individual shall keep such records pertaining to his gross sales or gross receipts, or the said corporation shall keep such records pertaining to his gross income as defined in Section 32 of this Code during the taxable year, as may be required by the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Finance. recommendation of the Commissioner.

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SEC. 11. Section 40(C)(2) of the NIRC is hereby amended to read: SEC. 40. Determination of Amount and Recognition of Gain 3 or Loss. -4 XXX 5 (C) Exchange of Property. – *General Rule.* – xxx (1)7 (2) Exception. – No gain or loss shall be recognized [if] 8 A CORPORATION OR ON ITS STOCK OR 9 SECURITIES IF SUCH CORPORATION IS A PARTY 10 TO A REORGANIZATION AND EXCHANGES OF 11 **PROPERTY** in pursuance of a plan of merger or 12 REORGANIZATION **SOLELY** FOR consolidation 13 STOCK OR **SECURITIES** IN ANOTHER 14 CORPORATION IS A PARTY TO THAT THE 15 REORGANIZATION. 16 A REORGANIZATION IS DEFINED AS: 17 [(a) A corporation, which is a party to a merger or 18 consolidation, exchanges property solely for stock in a 19 corporation, which is a party to the merger or consolidation; or 21 (b) A shareholder exchanges stock in a corporation, which is 22 a party to the merger or consolidation, solely for the stock of another corporation also a party to the merger 24 consolidation; or 25 A security holder of a corporation, which is a party (c) 26 to the merger or consolidation, exchanges his securities in 27 such corporation, solely for stock or securities in such 28 corporation, a party to the merger or consolidation.] **STATUTORY MERGER** OR (A) 30

CONSOLIDATION;

- THE ACOUISITION BY ONE CORPORATION, IN EXCHANGE SOLELY FOR ALL OR A PART OF ITS VOTING STOCK (OR IN EXCHANGE SOLELY FOR ALL OR A PART OF THE VOTING STOCK OF A CORPORATION WHICH IS IN CONTROL OF THE CORPORATION), **OF STOCK ACQUIRING ANOTHER** CORPORATION IF, **IMMEDIATELY** THE **AFTER** THE ACQUISITION, ACOUIRING CORPORATION HAS CONTROL OF SUCH OTHER CORPORATION **(WHETHER** OR NOT HAD ACQUIRING CORPORATION CONTROL IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE ACQUISITION);
- THE ACQUISITION BY ONE CORPORATION, IN EXCHANGE SOLELY FOR ALL OR A PART OF ITS VOTING STOCK (OR IN EXCHANGE SOLELY FOR ALL OR A PART OF THE VOTING STOCK OF A CORPORATION WHICH IS IN CONTROL OF THE ACQUIRING CORPORATION), OR SUBSTANTIALLY THE **PROPERTIES OF** ALL **OF** ANOTHER CORPORATION, BUT IN DETERMINING WHETHER THE EXCHANGE IS SOLELY FOR STOCK THE ASSUMPTION BY THE ACQUIRING CORPORATION OF A LIABILITY OF THE OTHER SHALL BE DISREGARDED;

(D) A RECAPITALIZATION; OR

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No gain or loss shall also be recognized if property is transferred to a corporation by [a] **ONE OR MORE** person**S** in exchange for stock [or unit of participation] in such a corporation [of which as a result of such exchange said person, alone or together with others, not exceeding four (4) persons, gains control of said corporation]: *Provided*, that stocks issued for services shall not be considered as issued in return for property.

IN ALL OF THE ABOVE INSTANCES, THE TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT MUST BE UNDERTAKEN FOR A LEGITIMATE OR BONA FIDE

BUSINESS PURPOSE AND NOT SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING OR ESCAPING THE BURDEN OF TAXATION. IN CASES WHERE THE TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT ENTERED INTO IS FOUND TO BE NOT FOR LEGITIMATE OR BONA FIDE BUSINESS PURPOSE, THE PROVISION OF SECTION 50 OF THIS CODE SHALL BE APPLIED AND ENFORCED.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SALE OR EXCHANGES OF PROPERTY USED FOR BUSINESS FOR SHARES OF STOCK COVERED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT).

SEC. 12. Section 50 of the NIRC is hereby repealed and replaced by a new Section to read as follows:

[SEC. 50. Allocation of Income and Deductions. In the case of two or more organizations, trades or businesses (whether or not incorporated and whether or not organized in the Philippines) owned or controlled directly or indirectly by the same interests, the Commissioner is authorized to distribute, apportion or allocate gross income or deductions between or among such organization, trade or business, if he determined that such distribution, apportionment or allocation is necessary in order to prevent evasion of taxes or clearly to reflect the income of any such organization, trade or business.]

SEC. 50. AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER TO DISTRIBUTE, APPORTION, ALLOCATE, AND IMPUTE INCOME AND DEDUCTIONS TO DISREGARD AND COUNTERACT TAX AVOIDANCE ARRANGEMENTS. -IN CASE OF TWO OR MORE ORGANIZATIONS. TRADES OR BUSINESSES (WHETHER OR NOT INCORPORATED AND WHETHER OR NOT ORGANIZED IN THE PHILIPPINES) OWNED OR CONTROLLED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY THE SAME INTERESTS, THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO DISTRIBUTE, APPORTION,

ALLOCATE, OR IMPUTE INCOME OR DEDUCTIONS BETWEEN OR AMONG SUCH ORGANIZATION, TRADE OR BUSINESS, IF THE COMMISSIONER **DETERMINES** THAT SUCH DISTRIBUTION. APPORTIONMENT, ALLOCATION, OR NECESSARY IN ORDER IMPUTATION IS PREVENT EVASION OF TAXES OR TO CLEARLY THE REFLECT INCOME \mathbf{OF} ANY ORGANIZATION, TRADE, OR BUSINESS.

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TRANSACTION IN CASES WHEN A OR ARRANGEMENT, WHETHER ENTERED INTO BY THE PERSON AFFECTED BY THE TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT OR BY ANOTHER PERSON, THAT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY HAS TAX AVOIDANCE AS ITS PURPOSES OR EFFECTS. WHETHER OR NOT ANY OTHER PURPOSE OR EFFECT IS ATTRIBUTABLE AS TO ORDINARY BUSINESS OR FAMILY DEALINGS, IF THE TAX AVOIDANCE **PURPOSE** OR **EFFECT** IS MERELY INCIDENTAL, THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO DISREGARD AND CONSIDER SUCH TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT AS VOID FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES, AND MAY ADJUST THE TAXABLE INCOME OF A PERSON AFFECTED THE ARRANGEMENT IN A WAY COMMISSIONER THINKS APPROPRIATE, ORDER TO COUNTERACT A TAX ADVANTAGE OBTAINED BY THE PERSON FROM OR UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "TAX AVOIDANCE" INCLUDES:

- (A) DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ALTERING THE INCIDENCE OF ANY INCOME TAX;
- (B) DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RELIEVING A
 PERSON FROM LIABILITY TO PAY INCOME TAX
 OR FROM A POTENTIAL OR PROSPECTIVE
 LIABILITY TO FUTURE INCOME TAX;

DIRECTLY **INDIRECTLY (C)** OR AVOIDING. 1 POSTPONING, OR REDUCING ANY LIABILITY TO INCOME TAX. OR ANY POTENTIAL ORPROSPECTIVE LIABILITY TO FUTURE INCOME TAX.

THERE IS 'TAX AVOIDANCE' IN THE AFOREMENTIONED INSTANCES. WHERE THE TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT IS MOTIVATED BY OBTAINING TAX BENEFIT OR ADVANTAGE WITH NO COMMERCIAL REALITY OR ECONOMIC EFFECT AND THE USE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE TAXATION LAW ON SUCH TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN THE INTENTION OF THE LAW.

- SEC. 13. Section 73 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read as follows: 15
- SEC. 73. Distribution of Dividends orAssets bv 16 Corporations. -17
 - (A) Definition of Dividends. xxx
 - Where a corporation distributes all of its assets in complete liquidation or dissolution, the gain realized or loss sustained by the stockholder, whether individual or corporate, is a taxable income or a deductible loss, as the case may be.]
 - (B) Stock Dividend. xxx

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- LIQUIDATING DIVIDENDS. LIQUIDATING 24 DIVIDENDS REPRESENTING THE REMAINING 25 GAINS REALIZED OR LOSS SUSTAINED BY THE 26 STOCKHOLDER IN A COMPLETE LIQUIDATION 27 OR DISSOLUTION BY A CORPORATION. 28
- [(C)] (D) Dividends Distributed are Deemed Made from 29 Most Recently Accumulated Profits. – xxx 30

SEC. 14. Section 112 (A)(B) of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 112. Refunds or Tax Credits of Input Tax. -

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- (A) Zero-rated or Effectively Zero-rated Sales. Any VATregistered person, whose sales are zero-rated or effectively zero-rated may, within two (2) years after the close of the taxable quarter when the sales were made, apply for [the issuance of a tax credit certificate or refund of creditable input tax due or paid attributable to such sales, except transitional input tax, to the extent that such input tax has not been applied against output tax: Provided, however, That in the case of zero-rated sales under Section 106(A)(2)(a)(1), (2) [and (B)] and Section 108 (B)(1) and (2), the acceptable foreign currency exchange proceeds thereof had been duly accounted for in accordance with the rules and regulations of Pilipinas (BSP): *PROVIDED* Bangko Sentral ng **SECTION 106(A)(2)(a)(2) AND** FURTHER, THAT SECTION 108 SHALL NO (B)(1)LONGER SUBJECT TO **ZERO** PERCENT VAT RATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VAT REFUND **SECTION PROVISIONS** UNDER 106(A)SECTION 108(B), RESPECTIVELY: Provided, further, That where the taxpayer is engaged in zero-rated or effectively zero-rated sale and also in taxable or exempt sale of goods or properties or services, and the amount of creditable input tax due or paid cannot be directly and entirely attributed to any one of the transactions, it shall be allocated proportionately on the basis of the volume of sales. Provided, finally, that for a person making sales that are zero-rated under Section 108(B)(6), the input taxes shall be allocated ratably between his zero-rated and non-zero-rated sales.
- (B) Cancellation of VAT Registration. A person whose registration has been cancelled due to retirement from or cessation of business, or due to changes in or cessation of status under Section 106(C) of this Code may, within two (2)

years from the date of cancellation, apply for **REFUND** [the issuance of a tax credit certificate] for any unused input tax [which may be used in payment of his other internal revenue taxes].

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(C) Period within which Refund of Input Taxes shall be Made.

- In proper cases, the Commissioner shall grant a refund for creditable input taxes within ninety (90) days from the date of submission of the official receipts or invoices and other documents in support of the application filed in accordance with Subsections (A) and (B) hereof: Provided, that should the commissioner find that the grant of refund is not proper, the commissioner must state in writing the legal and factual basis for the denial.

In case of full or partial denial of the claim for tax refund **OR** TAX CREDIT, OR THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF COMMISSIONER ACT THE TO ON THE APPLICATION WITHIN THE PERIOD PRESCRIBED **ABOVE**, the taxpayer affected may, within thirty (30) days from the receipt of the decision denying the claim OR AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAY-PERIOD, appeal the decision OR THE **UNACTED CLAIM** with the Court of Tax Appeals: Provided, however, that failure on the part of any official, agent, or employee of the BIR to act on the application within the ninety (90)-day period shall be punishable under section 269 of this Code.

SEC. 15. Section 119 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

Sec. 119. *Tax on Franchises*. – Any provision of general or special law to the contrary notwithstanding, there shall be levied, assessed and collected in respect to all **EXISTING OR FUTURE** franchise agreement or law pertaining **TO** franchises on radio and/or television broadcasting **AND TELECOMMUNICATION** companies whose annual gross receipts of the preceding year do not exceed Ten million pesos (P10,000,000.00), subject to Section 236 of this Code, a **FRANCHISE** tax of three percent (3%), and on gas and

water utilities, a **FRANCHISE** tax of two percent (2%) on the gross receipts derived from the business covered by the law granting the franchise: *Provided, however*, That radio and/**OR** television broadcasting **AND TELECOMMUNICATION** companies referred to in this Section shall have an option to be registered as a value-added taxpayer and pay the tax due thereon.[: *Provided, further*, That once the option is exercised, said option shall not be irrevocable.]

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SEC. 16. Section 119 of the NIRC is hereby further amended to insert thereafter a new section 119-A to read as follows:

119-A. **FRANCHISES** OF**SECTION DOMESTIC** AIRLINES. – THE PROVISIONS OF P.D. NO. 1590 ON THE FRANCHISE TAX OF PHILIPPINE AIRLINES, INC., R.A. NO. 7151 ON THE FRANCHISE TAX OF CEBU AIR, INC., R.A. NO. 7583 ON THE FRANCHISE TAX OF ABOITIZ AIR TRANSPORT CORPORATION, R.A. NO. 7909 ON THE FRANCHISE TAX OF PACIFIC AIRWAYS CORPORATION, R.A. NO. 8339 ON THE FRANCHISE TAX OF AIR PHILIPPINES, OR ANY OTHER EXISTING OR **FUTURE** FRANCHISE LAWS AGREEMENTS OR **PERTAINING** TO DOMESTIC AIRLINE TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING:

- (A) THE FRANCHISEE SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY A FRANCHISE TAX OF 3% OF GROSS RECEIPTS DERIVED FROM TRANSPORT OPERATIONS;
- (B) THE FRANCHISEE SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX FOR REVENUES DERIVED FROM ALL SOURCES;
- (C) THE FRANCHISEE SHALL REGISTER FOR
 VALUE-ADDED TAX UNDER SECTION 236, AND TO
 ACCOUNT UNDER TITLE IV OF THE NATIONAL
 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED,

FOR VALUE-ADDED TAX ON ITS SALE OF GOODS, PROPERTY OR SERVICES AND ITS LEASE OF PROPERTY; AND

(D) THE FRANCHISEE IS LIABLE TO PAY ALL APPLICABLE TAXES AND IMPOSITIONS LEVIED UNDER THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AMENDED.

THE FRANCHISEE SHALL FILE THE RETURN WITH, AND PAY THE TAX DUE THEREON TO THE COMMISSIONER OR HIS DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 128 OF THIS CODE, AND THE RETURN SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE, ANY PROVISION OF ANY EXISTING LAW TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING.

SEC. 17. Section 204 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 204. Authority of the Commissioner to Compromise, Abate and Refund or Credit Taxes. – The Commissioner may

(A) Compromise the payment of any internal revenue tax, when:

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Where the basic tax involved exceeds [One million pesos (P1,000.000)] **TEN MILLION PESOS (P10,000,000)** or where the settlement offered is less than the prescribed minimum rates, the compromise shall be subject to the approval of the Evaluation Board which shall be composed of the Commissioner and the four (4) Deputy Commissioners.

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SEC. 18. Section 220 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

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SEC. 220. Form and Mode of Proceeding in Actions Arising under this Code. — [Civil and criminal actions and proceedings instituted in behalf of the Government under the authority of this Code or other law enforced by the Bureau of Internal Revenue shall be brought in the name of the Government of the Philippines and shall be conducted by legal officers of the Bureau of Internal Revenue but no civil or criminal action for the recovery of taxes or the enforcement of any fine, penalty or forfeiture under this Code shall be filed in court without the approval of the Commissioner.]

ALL CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ACTIONS SHALL BE BROUGHT IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND SHALL BE FILED IN COURT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE OR HIS OR HER DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

CIVIL ACTIONS INVOLVING DISPUTED ASSESSMENTS AND COLLECTIONS OR REFUNDS OF INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES, FEES OR OTHER CHARGES OR PENALTIES IN RELATION THERETO, OR OTHER MATTERS ARISING UNDER THIS CODE OR OTHER LAW ENFORCED BY THE BUREAU SHALL BE HANDLED EXCLUSIVELY BY LEGAL OFFICERS OF THE BUREAU IN ALL STAGES OF THE PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING APPEALS BEFORE THE PROPER COURTS.

THIS PURPOSE, FOR THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE. **UPON** RECOMMENDATION THE COMMISSIONER, SHALL PROMULGATE THENECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROVISION.

SEC. 19. Sec. 222 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 222. Exceptions as to Period of Limitation of Assessment and Collection of Taxes. –

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(b) If before the expiration of the time prescribed in Section 203 for the assessment of the tax, [both the Commissioner and] the taxpayer [have agreed] APPLIES WITH THE COMMISSIONER in writing to extend the period, the tax may be assessed within the period [agreed upon] SPECIFIED IN THE APPLICATION WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED SIX (6) MONTHS AT ANY ONE TIME. The FOREGOING period [so agreed upon] may be extended by subsequent written [agreement] APPLICATION made before the expiration of the period previously [agreed upon] APPLIED FOR.

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SEC. 20. Sec. 237 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 237. Issuance of Receipts or Sales or Commercial Invoices. –

(A) Issuance. – xxx

Within five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act and upon the establishment of a system capable of storing and processing the required data, the Bureau shall require taxpayers engaged in the export of goods and service, taxpayers engaged in e-commerce, and taxpayers under the jurisdiction of the Large Taxpayers Service to issue AND TRANSMIT electronic receipts or sales or commercial invoices [in lieu of manual receipts or sales or commercial DESIGNATED invoices THRU **ELECTRONIC** CHANNELS WITH PUBLIC CERTIFICATION A SYSTEM ACCREDITED BY THE BUREAU, subject to the rules and regulations to be issued by the Secretary of Finance upon recommendation of the Commissioner [and after a following a public hearing [shall have been] held for this purpose: *Provided*, That taxpayers not covered by the

mandate of this provision may issue electronic receipts of sales or commercial invoices in lieu of manual receipts or sales or commercial invoices. *PROVIDED FURTHER*, SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY REQUIRE ANY TAXPAYER TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

A PUBLIC CERTIFICATION SYSTEM SHALL REFER A DIGITAL PERSONAL AUTHENTICATION **PROGRAM** WITH **ABILITY** TO VERIFY IDENTITY OF ISSUING TAXPAYER AND ATTEST TO THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE INFORMATION IN ELECTRONIC RECEIPTS OR COMMERCIAL INVOICES. THIS MAY INCLUDE THE USE OF DIGITAL SIGNATURE ISSUED BY CERTIFICATION AUTHORITY AS ACCREDITED BY THE BUREAU.

A DESIGNATED ELECTRONIC CHANNEL SHALL REFER TO ANY MEDIUM OR PORTAL IDENTIFIED BY THE BUREAU WITH AN ABILITY TO RECEIVE THE TRANSACTION DATA OF THE ELECTRONIC RECEIPTS OF SALES OR COMMERCIAL INVOICES FOR ASSIGNMENT OF AN APPROVED ELECTRONIC TAX TRANSACTION NUMBER.

AN APPROVED TAX TRANSACTION NUMBER SHALL REFER TO THE UNIQUE ASSIGNED SERIES OF NUMBERS AND/OR LETTERS LINKED TO A VALIDATED SALES TRANSATION REPORTED THROUGH THE DESIGNATED ELECTRONIC CHANNEL.

The original of each receipt or invoice shall be issued to the purchaser, customer, or client at the time the transaction is effected, who, if engaged in the business or in the exercise of profession, shall keep and preserve the same in his place of business for a period of three (3) years from the close of the taxable year in which such invoice or receipt was issued,

while the duplicate shall be kept and preserved by the issue, also in his place of business, for a like period: *Provided*, that in case of electronic receipts or sales or commercial invoices, digital record of the same [shall be kept by the purchaser, customer or client and the issuer for the same period above stated] **BEARING THE APPROVED ELECTRONIC TAX TRANSACTION NUMBER SHALL BE SUFFICIENT COMPLIANCE**.

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SEC. 21. Sec. 237-A of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 237-A. Electronic Sales Reporting System. – Within five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act and upon the establishment of a system capable of storing and processing the required data, the Bureau shall require taxpayers engaged in the export of goods and services, taxpayers engaged in ecommerce, and taxpayers under the jurisdiction of the Large Taxpayers Service to USE A SYSTEM CAPABLE OF ISSUING ELECTRONIC RECEIPTS OR SALES OR COMMERCIAL INVOICES, COLLECT TRANSACTION RECORDS, AND TRANSMIT THE THE DESIGNATED ELECTRONIC THRU CHANNELS OF THE BUREAU IN THE STANDARD FORMAT REQUIRED [electronically report their sales data to the Bureau of through the use of electronic point of sales systems], subject to the rules and regulations to be issued by the Secretary of Finance upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue: Provided, That the POINT OF SALE (POS) machines, VALUE ADDED **NETWORK (VAN) TERMINALS,** fiscal devices, and fiscal memory devices WITH CAPACITY TO MAKE SUCH **TRANSMISSION** shall be at the expense of the taxpayers[.]: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE COMMISSIONER MAY REQUIRE ANY TAXPAYER TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE.

IN YEAR ONE TO YEAR FOUR OF IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD, A TAXPAYER WHO ADOPTS THE REQUIRED SYSTEM SHALL BE A TAX GRANTED CREDIT \mathbf{OF} ONE-TENTH PERCENT (0.1%) OF THE PURCHASE VALUE, NET OF VALUE ADDED TAX, FOR EVERY ELECTRONIC RECEIPT OR SALE OR COMMERCIAL INVOICE TRANSMITTED THRU THE DESIGNATED ELECTRONIC CHANNELS OF THE BUREAU AND ISSUED AN ELECTRONIC TAX TRANSACTION NUMBER.

IN SUPPORT OF THE **ELECTRONIC SALES** REPORTING SYSTEM, THE BUREAU MAY GRANT **INCENTIVES FOR** ELECTRONICALLY TRACEABLE PAYMENTS (ETP) IN THE FORM OF ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIBLE EXPENSE OF UP TO TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE ETP MADE BY THE TAXPAYER. AN ANNUAL LIMIT \mathbf{ON} ALLOWED ETP **DEDUCTIBLE EXPENSE** PER TAXPAYER MAYBE SET BY THE COMMISSIONER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE.

ELECTRONICALLY TRACEABLE PAYMENTS REFER TO CREDIT CARD, DEBIT CARD, OR OTHER METHOD OF PAYMENT WITH A SYSTEM TO VERIFY OR LINK THE PAYMENT TO THE IDENTITY OF PAYOR.

THE BUREAU MAY LIKEWISE ESTABLISH A RECEIPT AND INVOICE LOTTERY PROGRAM FOR ELECTRONIC RECEIPTS OR SALES OR COMMERCIAL INVOICES TRANSMITTED THRU THE DESIGNATED ELECTRONIC CHANNELS OF THE BUREAU AND ISSUED AN ELECTRONIC TAX TRANSACTION NUMBER.

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SEC. 22. Section 250 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

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SEC. 250. Failure to File Certain Information Returns. – In the case of each failure to file an information return. statement or list, or keep any record, or supply any information required by this Code or by the Commissioner on the date prescribed therefor, unless it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect, there shall, upon notice and demand by the Commissioner, be paid by the person failing to file, keep or supply the same, [One thousand pesos (1,000)] FIVE THOUSAND PESOS for each failure: Provided, however, That the aggregate amount to be imposed for all such failures during a calendar year shall not exceed [Twenty-five thousand pesos (P25,000) \mathbf{TWO} HUNDRED **FIFTY THOUSAND** PESOS (P250,000).

SEC. 23. Section 255 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 255. Failure to File Return, Supply Correct and Accurate Information, Pay Tax Withhold and Remit Tax and Refund Excess Taxes Withheld on Compensation. – Any person required under this Code or by rules and regulations promulgated thereunder to pay any tax make a return, keep any record, or supply correct the accurate information, who willfully fails to pay such tax, make such return, keep such record, or supply correct and accurate information, or withhold or remit taxes withheld, or refund excess taxes withheld on compensation, at the time or times required by law or rules and regulations shall, in addition to other penalties provided by law, upon conviction thereof, be punished [by] WITH a fine of not less than [Ten thousand pesos (P10,000)] ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000) and [suffer] imprisonment of not less than one (1) year but not more than ten (10) years.

Any person who attempts to make it appear for any reason that he or another has in fact filed a return or statement, or actually files a return or statement and subsequently withdraws the same return or statement after securing the official receiving seal or stamp of receipt of internal revenue office wherein the same was actually filed shall, upon conviction therefore, be punished [by] WITH a fine of not less than [Ten thousand pesos (P10,000)] ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000) but not more than [Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000)] TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000) and [suffer] imprisonment of not less than one (1) year but not more than three (3) years.

SEC. 24. Section 256 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 256. Penal Liability of Corporations. — Any corporation, association or general co-partnership liable for any of the acts or omissions penalized under this Code, in addition to the penalties imposed herein upon the responsible corporate officers, partners, or employees shall, upon conviction for each act or omission, be punished [by] WITH a fine of not less than [Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000)] ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000) but not more than [One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000)] THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P300,000).

SEC. 25. Section 257 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 257. Penal Liability for Making False Entries, Records or Reports, or Using Falsified or Fake Accountable Forms. –

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- (B) Any person who:

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(8) Willfully attempts in any manner to evade or defeat any tax imposed under this Code, or knowingly uses fake or falsified revenue official receipts, Letters of Authority, certificates authorizing registration, Tax Credit Certificates, Tax Debit Memoranda and other accountable forms shall, upon conviction for each act or omission, be punished [by] WITH a fine not less than [Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000)]

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000) but not more than [One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000)] THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P300,000) and [suffer] imprisonment of not less than [two (2) years] SIX (6) YEARS but not more than [six (6) years] TWELVE (12) YEARS.

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SEC. 26. Section 258 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 258. Unlawful Pursuit of Business. – Any person who carries on any business for which an annual registration fee is imposed without paying the tax as required by law shall, upon conviction for each act or omission, be punished [by] WITH a fine of not less than [Five thousand pesos (P5,000)] FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000) but not more than [Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000)] TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000) and [suffer] imprisonment of not less than six (6) months but not more than two (2) years: Provided, That in the case of a person engaged in the business distilling, rectifying, repacking, compounding manufacturing any article subject to excise tax, he shall, upon conviction for each act or omission, be punished [by] WITH a fine of not less than [Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000)] THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P300,000) but not more than [Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000)] FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000) and [suffer] imprisonment of not less than two (2) years but not more than four (4) years.

SEC. 27. Section 260 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 260. Unlawful Possession of Cigarette Paper in Bobbins or Rolls, Etc. – It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession cigarette paper in bobbins or rolls, cigarette tipping paper or cigarette filter tips, without the corresponding authority therefor issued by the Commissioner. Any person, importer, manufacturer of cigar and cigarettes, who has been found guilty under this Section, shall, upon conviction for each act or omission, be punished [by] WITH a fine of not

less than [Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000)] **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000)** but not more than [One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000)] **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000)** and [suffer] imprisonment for a term of not less than six (6) years and one (1) day but not more than twelve (12) years.

SEC. 28. Section 261 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

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SEC. 261. Unlawful Use of Denatured Alcohol. – Any person who for the purpose of manufacturing any beverage, uses denatured alcohol or alcohol specially denatured to be used for motive power or withdrawn under bond for industrial uses or alcohol knowingly misrepresented to be denatured to be unfit for oral intake or who knowingly sells or offers for sale any beverage made in whole or in part from such alcohol or who uses such alcohol for the manufacture of liquid medicinal preparations taken internally, or knowingly sells or offers for sale such preparations containing as an ingredient such alcohol, shall upon conviction for each act or omission be punished [by] WITH a fine of not less than [Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000)] ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000) but not more than [One hundred thousand pesos **HUNDRED THOUSAND** (P100,000)**FIVE** (P500,000) and [suffer] imprisonment for a term of not less than six (6) years and one (1) day but not more than twelve (12) years.

SEC. 29. Section 262 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 262. Shipment or Removal of Liquor or Tobacco Products under False Name or Brand or as an Imitation of any Existing or Otherwise Known Product Name or Brand. — Any person who ships, transports or removes spirituous, compounded or fermented liquors, wines or any manufactured products of tobacco under any other than the proper name or brand known to the trade as designating the kind and quality of the contents of the cask, bottle or package containing the same or as an imitation of any existing or otherwise known product name or brand or causes such act to be done, shall, upon conviction for each act or omission, be punished [by]

WITH a fine of not less than [Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000)] TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000) but not more than [One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000)] FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000) and [suffer] imprisonment of not less than six (6) years and one (1) day but not more than twelve (12) years.

SEC. 30. Section 263 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 263. Unlawful Possession or Removal of Articles Subject to Excise Tax without Payment of the Tax. – xxx

- (a) A fine of not less than [One thousand pesos (P1,000)] TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000) nor more than [Two thousand pesos (P2,000)] SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P75,000) [and] OR [suffer] imprisonment of not less than [sixty (60) days] THIRTY (30) DAYS AND ONE (1) DAY but not more than [one hundred (100) days] SIX (6) MONTHS, OR BOTH, if the appraised value, to be determined in the manner prescribed in the [Tariff and Customs Code] CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION AND TARIFF ACT, including duties and taxes, of the articles does not exceed [One thousand pesos (P1,000)] TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000);
- (b) A fine of not less than [Ten thousand pesos (P10,000)] SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P75,000) but not more than [Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000)] ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P150,000) [and] OR [suffer] imprisonment of not less than [two (2) years] SIX (6) MONTHS AND ONE (1) DAY but not more than [four (4) years] ONE (1) YEAR, OR BOTH, if the appraised value, to be determined in the manner prescribed in the [Tariff and Customs Codel CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION AND TARIFF ACT, including duties and taxes, of the articles exceeds [One thousand pesos (P1,000)] TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000) but does not exceed [Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000)] FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000);

(c) A fine of not less than [Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000)] ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P150,000) but not more than [Sixty thousand pesos (P60,000)] THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P300,000) [and] OR [suffer] imprisonment of not less than [four (4) years] ONE (1) YEAR AND ONE (1) DAY but not more than [six (6) years] THREE (3) YEARS, if the appraised value, to be determined in the manner prescribed in the [Tariff and Customs Code] CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION AND TARIFF ACT, including duties and taxes of the articles is more than [Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000)] FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000) but does not exceed [One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000)] ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000); or

(d) A fine of not less than [Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000)] THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P300,000) but not more than [One hundred thousand pesos (P100, 000)] ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P1,500,000) [and] OR [suffer] imprisonment of not less than [ten (10) years] THREE (3) YEARS AND ONE (1) DAY but not more than [twelve (12) years] SIX (6) YEARS, if the appraised value, to be determined in the manner prescribed in the Tariff and Customs Code] **CUSTOMS** MODERNIZATION AND TARIFF ACT, including duties and taxes, of the articles exceeds [One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000)] ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000).

Any person who is found in possession of locally manufactured articles subject to excise tax, the tax on which has not been paid in accordance with law, or any person who is found in possession of such articles which are exempt from excise tax other than those to whom the same is lawfully issued shall be punished with a fine of not less than (10) times the amount of excise tax due on the articles found but not less than [Five hundred pesos (P500)] TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000) and [suffer] imprisonment of not less than two (2) years but not more than four (4) years.

Any manufacturer, owner or person in charge of any article subject to excise tax who removes or allows or causes the unlawful removal of any such articles from the place of production or bonded warehouse, upon which the excise tax has not been paid at the time and in the manner required, and any person who knowingly aids or abets in the removal of such articles as aforesaid, or conceals the same after illegal removal shall, for the first offense, be punished with a fine of not less than ten (10) times the amount of excise tax due on the articles but not less than [One thousand pesos (P1,000)] TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (P25,000) and [suffer] imprisonment of not less than [one (1) year] TWO (2) YEARS but not more than [two (2) years] FOUR (4) YEARS.

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SEC. 31. Section 264 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

Sec. 264. Failure or refusal to Issue Receipts or Sales or Commercial Invoices, Violations related to the Printing of such Receipts or Invoices and Other Violations. –

(a) Any person who, being required under Section 237 to issue receipts or sales or commercial invoices, fails or refuses to issue such receipts of invoices, issues receipts or invoices that do not truly reflect and/or contain all the information required to be shown therein, or uses multiple or double receipts or invoices, shall, upon conviction for each act or omission, be punished [by] WITH a fine of not less than [One thousand pesos (P1,000)] FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000) but not more than [Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000)] **TWO** HUNDRED **FIFTY THOUSAND** PESOS (P250,000) and [suffer] imprisonment of not less than [two (2) years FOUR (4) YEARS but not more than [four (4) years] EIGHT (8) YEARS.

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SEC. 32. Section 265 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 265. Offenses Relating to Stamps. - Any person who commits any of the acts enumerated hereunder shall, upon

conviction thereof, be punished [by] WITH a fine of not less than [Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000)] TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000) but not more than [Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000)] FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000) and [suffer] imprisonment of not less than four (4) years but not more than eight (8) years: xxx

SEC. 33. Section 266 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

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Sec. 266. Failure to Obey Summons. - Any person who, being duly summoned to appear to testify, or to appear UNDER SECTION 5-A OF THIS CODE, [and produce books of accounts, records, memoranda or other papers,] or to furnish information as required under the pertinent provisions of this Code, neglects to appear or to produce such books of accounts, records, memoranda or other papers, or to furnish such information, shall, upon conviction, be punished [by] WITH a fine of not less than [Five thousand pesos (P5,000)] FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000) but not more than ten thousand pesos (P10,000)ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000) and [suffer] imprisonment of not less than [one (1) year] TWO (2) YEARS but not more than [two (2) years] FOUR (4) YEARS.

SEC. 34. Section 275 of the NIRC is hereby amended to read:

SEC. 275. Violation of Other Provisions of this Code or Rules and Regulations in General. – Any person who violates any provision of this Code or any rule or regulation promulgated by the Department of Finance, for which no specific penalty is provided by law, shall, upon conviction for each act or omission, be punished [by] WITH a fine of not more than [One thousand pesos (P1,000)] TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000) or [suffer] imprisonment of not more than [six (6) months] TWO (2) YEARS, or both.

SEC. 35. A new Title on Tax Incentives is hereby inserted in the NIRC as Title XII to read:

TITLE XII

TAX INCENTIVES

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CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS ON TAX INCENTIVES

SEC 290. GENERAL PROVISION. - ALL EXPORT ACTIVITIES AND **STRATEGIC** INVESTMENTS, **THOSE** INCLUDING INTENDED **FOR** DOMESTIC MARKET, UNDER THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS PRIORITY PLAN (SIPP) AS DEFINED UNDER CHAPTER II OF THIS TITLE, WHETHER LOCATED INSIDE OR OUTSIDE ECOZONES AND FREEPORT, ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION IN THE RESPECTIVE IPAS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019, AND WHICH WILL QUALIFY FOR INCENTIVES UPON EVALUATION AND REVIEW BY THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD (FIRB), MAY ONLY BE GRANTED INCOME TAX AND CUSTOMS DUTY INCENTIVES UNDER THIS TITLE, AND IN NO SUCH CASE SHALL THE VALUE-ADDED TAX AND LOCAL **TAXES** \mathbf{BE} **USED** AS INVESTMENT TAX **INCENTIVES:** PROVIDED, THAT THE TAX INCENTIVES AVAILABLE UNDER THIS TITLE TO THE AFOREMENTIONED ENTERPRISES SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO THE REGISTERED ACTIVITY OR PROJECT ONLY IN SUCH A WAY THAT INCOME DERIVED FROM NON-REGISTERED ACTIVITY OR PROJECT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE TAXES UNDER THIS CODE. THE PERIOD OF AVAILMENT \mathbf{OF} **INCENTIVES** SHALL \mathbf{BE} RECKONED FROM THE START OF COMMERCIAL OPERATION.

SEC. 291. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. – THIS TITLE SHALL COVER ALL EXISTING IPAS AND ALL OTHER IPAS AND OTHER SIMILAR AUTHORITIES THAT MAY BE CREATED BY LAW.

SEC. 291-A. GOVERNING PROVISION FOR IPAS. -**FUTURE** EXISTING AND **IPAS** SHALL UNIFORMLY RECOMMEND THE GRANT OF TAX INCENTIVES PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE TO THE FIRB FOR ITS APPROVAL.

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SEC. 291-B. EXISTING CHARTERS OF IPAS. – THE IPAS SHALL MAINTAIN THEIR FUNCTIONS AND POWERS AS PROVIDED UNDER THE SPECIAL LAWS GOVERNING THEM EXCEPT ON EXTENT MODIFIED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE, SUCH AS THOSE PERTAINING TO THE REVIEW AND GRANT OF TAX INCENTIVES.

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CHAPTER II

TAX AND DUTY INCENTIVES

SEC. 292. – THE FOLLOWING TAX AND CUSTOMS DUTY INCENTIVES MAY BE GRANTED **OUALIFIED** REGISTERED ENTERPRISES. AS DETERMINED BY THE **BOARD** \mathbf{OF} THE RESPECTIVE IPAS, SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FIRB:

(a) INCOME TAX HOLIDAY (ITH). - THE ITH

FOLLOWING INCENTIVES MAY BE APPLIED FOR

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(A) INCOME TAX INCENTIVES

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- SHALL BE GRANTED FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING THREE (3) YEARS. PROVIDED. THAT AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE ITH, THE 26
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- REDUCED CORPORATE INCOME TAX. REDUCED TAX RATE OF FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) OF THE TAXABLE INCOME AS DEFINED UNDER SECTION 31 OF THIS CODE.

(c) TAX ALLOWANCE FOR INVESTMENTS. - AN ALLOWANCE OF UP TO FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE ACTUAL QUALIFIED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE INCURRED WITHIN THREE (3) YEARS SHALL BE ALLOWED AS A DEDUCTION FROM THE TAXABLE INCOME.

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- (d) DOUBLE DEDUCTION FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. EXPENSES INCURRED FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT RELATED TO THE REGISTERED ACTIVITY, IDENTIFIED AND APPROVED AS SUCH BY THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCY/IES SHALL BE DEDUCTIBLE FROM THE GROSS INCOME FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES TO THE EXTENT OF TWO HUNDRED PERCENT (200%) ON THE YEAR THE SAID RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES WERE INCURRED.
- **DOUBLE** DEDUCTION FOR (e) TRAINING. EXPENSES INCURRED FOR TRAINING GIVEN TO EMPLOYEES BY THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SKILLS, IDENTIFIED AND APPROVED AS **NECESSARY** APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCY/IES SHALL BE DEDUCTIBLE FROM THE GROSS INCOME FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES TO THE EXTENT OF TWO HUNDRED PERCENT (200%) ON THE YEAR THE SAID TRAINING EXPENSE WAS INCURRED.
- (f) ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION FOR LABOR EXPENSE. A REGISTERED ENTERPRISE MAY BE ALLOWED AN ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION FROM TAXABLE INCOME OF FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE WAGES CORRESPONDING TO THE INCREMENT IN THE NUMBER OF DIRECT LABOR.
- ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) DEDUCTION **(g)** 34 ON*INFRASTRUCTURE* DEVELOPMENT. 35 REGISTERED **ENTERPRISES ESTABLISHING** 36 THEIR ACTIVITY IN \mathbf{AN} **AREA** THAT THE 37

STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS PRIORITY PLAN (SIPP) DESIGNATES AS NECESSARY FOR COUNTRY-WIDE DEVELOPMENT OR IN AN AREA FOUND TO BE DEFICIENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE, PUBLIC UTILITIES, AND OTHR FACILITIES, SUCH AS IRRIGATION, DRAINAGE, OR OTHER SIMILAR WATERWORKS INFRASTRUCTURE MAY DEDUCT FROM THE GROSS **INCOME** AN**AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%)** OF NECESSARY AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS IT MAY HAVE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE PRIOR APPROVAL AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE IPA CONCERNED; PROVIDED, THAT THE TITLE TO ALL SUCH INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS SHALL UPON COMPLETION, BE TRANSFERRED TO THE **PHILIPPINE** GOVERNMENT; PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT ANY AMOUNT NOT DEDUCTED FOR A PARTICULAR YEAR MAY BE CARRIED OVER FOR DEDUCTION FOR SUBSEQUENT YEARS NOT **EXCEEDING** FIVE (5)**YEARS** FROM COMMERCIAL OPERATION.

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DEDUCTION (h) **FOR** REINVESTMENT ALLOWANCE TO MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY. -WHEN A MANUFACTURING REGISTERED **ENTERPRISE** REINVESTS ITS UNDISTRIBUTED PROFIT OR SURPLUS IN ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED IN THE SIPP, THE **AMOUNT** SO **SHALL** REINVESTED \mathbf{BE} ALLOWED AS **DEDUCTION** FROM **ITS TAXABLE** INCOME WITHIN A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS FROM THE TIME OF SUCH REINVESTMENT: PROVIDED, THAT PRIOR APPROVAL AND RECOMMENDATION BY THE IPA CONCERNED OF SUCH REINVESTMENT WAS **OBTAINED** BY THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE PLANNUNG SUCH REINVESTMENT.

PROVIDED, THAT IN LIEU OF THE ITH UNDER (a), THE TAX INCENTIVES UNDER (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) AND (h) MAY BE GRANTED.

PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT IN NO SUCH CASE SHALL AN INCOME TAX INCENTIVE BE EXTENDED BEYOND THE INITIAL GRANT OF FIVE (5) YEARS.

PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT SUPERIOR NON-FISCAL INCENTIVES, AS MAY BE DEFINED IN THE SIPP, MAY BE GRANTED IN LEAST DEVELOPED AREAS OR AREAS RECOVERING FROM ARMED CONFLICT OR A MAJOR DISASTER.

PROVIDED FINALLY, THAT REGISTERED ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT RELOCATING FROM METRO MANILA AND SELECTED AREAS OF REGIONS III AND IV-A TO OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY MAY BE ALLOWED A ONE-YEAR INCOME TAX INCENTIVE AS RELOCATION INCENTIVE.

(B) CUSTOMS DUTY INCENTIVES

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REGISTERED ENTERPRISES **OUALIFIED** INCENTIVES MAY BE ALLOWED A MAXIMUM OF FIVE (5) YEARS EXEMPTION ON CUSTOMS DUTY **IMPORTED** CAPITAL EQUIPMENT. MACHINERY, AND SPARE PARTS EXCLUSIVELY **FOR** CAPITAL **EQUIPMENT** MACHINERY, ALL INCLUDING CONSIGNMENT THEREOF, RAW **MATERIALS USED** IN MANUFACTURE, PROCESSING, AS DEFINED HEREIN, OF PRODUCTS, AND IMPORTATION OF SOURCE DOCUMENTS BY THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE. PROVIDED, THAT THE DUTY-FREE IMPORTATION SHALL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE REGISTERED **EXPORT** ACTIVITY. PROVIDED FURTHER. THAT EXPANSION REGISTERED ACTIVITIES MAY BE GRANTED DUTY EXEMPTION \mathbf{ON} CAPITAL **EQUIPMENT** ONLY, **SUBJECT** TO THE **FOLLOWING** CONDITIONS:

(i) THE ACTIVITY IS STILL COVERED BY THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS PRIORITY PLAN (SIPP);

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- (ii) CUSTOMS DUTY EXEMPTION WILL ONLY APPLY ON THE INCREMENTAL PORTION OF THE ACTIVITY; AND
- (iii) THE CUSTOMS DUTY EXEMPTION EXTENSION SHALL NOT EXCEED FIVE (5) YEARS.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, 'PROCESSING' SHALL REFER TOCONVERTING RAWMATERIALS MARKETABLE **FORM** THROUGH PHYSICAL. MECHANICAL, CHEMICAL, ELECTRICAL, BIOCHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, OR OTHER MEANS, OR BY A SPECIAL TREATMENT OR A SERIES OF ACTIONS, SUCH AS SLAUGHTERING, MILLING, PASTEURIZING, DRYING OR DESICCATING, OR QUICK FREEZING, THAT RESULTS IN A CHANGE IN THE NATURE OR STATE OF THE PRODUCTS. MERE PACKING OR PACKAGING SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE PROCESSING.

'SOURCE **DOCUMENTS'** REFER TO INPUT **MATERIALS** AND DOCUMENTS REASONABLY NEEDED BY I.T. AND I.T.-ENABLED INDUSTRIES SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BOOKS. DIRECTORIES, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS. BROCHURES, PAMPHLETS. MEDICAL RECORDS/FILES, LEGAL RECORDS/FILES. INSTRUCTION MATERIALS. AND DRAWINGS/BLUEPRINTS/OUTLINES.

CHAPTER III ADMINISTRATION OF TAX INCENTIVES

SEC. 293. EXPANDED FUNCTIONS OF THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD. - THE INCENTIVES PROVIDED IN SECTION 290 MAY BE GRANTED BY

THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD (FIRB) THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE TO EXTENT OF THEIR REGISTERED ACTIVITY UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTERING IPA. THE PERIOD OF AVAILMENT OF INCENTIVES SHALL BE RECKONED FROM THE START OF COMMERCIAL OPERATION. IN THIS REGARD, FIRB CREATED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE (PD) NO. 776, AS AMENDED BY PD 1931 AND PD 1955, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 23, SERIES OF 1986 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 93, SERIES OF TO SHALL \mathbf{BE} EXPANDED **INCLUDE** THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS AND POWERS:

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- 15 (A) TO SERVE AS THE OVERALL
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- 18 (B) TO REVIEW ALL IPA POLICY DECISIONS
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 20 AVAILMENT OF TAX INCENTIVES;
- (C) TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE GRANT OF
 INVESTMENT TAX INCENTIVES AS
 RECOMMENDED BY THE IPAS;
 - (D) TO PUBLISH THE NAMES OF THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISES OR BENEFICIARIES OF TAX INCENTIVES WITH APPROVED ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF THE CORRESPONDING INCENTIVES; AND
- (E) TO GRANT TAX **SUBSIDIES** TO 20 GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR-CONTROLLED 30 CORPORATIONS (GOCCS), GOVERNMENT 31 INSTRUMENTALITIES (GIS), GOVERNMENT 32 COMMISSARIES, AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND 33

COLLEGES (SUCS) AS MAY BE PROVIDED UNDER THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT:

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PROVIDED, THAT THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE THE CO-CHAIR. AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL **OF** NATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT **ECONOMIC** AUTHORITY (NEDA) AND THE SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT AND **INDUSTRY OF** TRADE (DTI) AUTOMATICALLY BE MEMBERS, OF ALL THE **EXISTING** AND **FUTURE IPAS**: **PROVIDED** THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE FURTHER. GOVERNING BOARDS OF THE EXISTING IPAS UNDER THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNING LAWS ENUMERATED HEREUNDER SHALL BE AMENDED FOR THIS PURPOSE, AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) BOARD OF INVESTMENTS (BOI), UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF E.O. 226, OR THE "OMNIBUS INVESTMENT CODE OF 1987";
- BASES AND **CONVERSION (2)** AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BCDA) AND SUBIC BAY METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY (SBMA), UNDER SECTIONS 9 AND 13 (C) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7227. OR "AN **ACT** ACCELERATING CONVERSION OF MILITARY RESERVATIONS INTO OTHER PRODUCTIVE USES, CREATING THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY **THIS** PURPOSE, **PROVIDING FUNDS** THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES":
- CLARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION **(3)** (CDC), UNDER SECTION 3 OF E.O. 80, S. OF 1993. ENTITLED "AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CLARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AS THE IMPLEMENTING ARM OF THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE, AND DIRECTING ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS. BUREAUS. OFFICES, **AGENCIES** AND

INSTRUMENTALITIES OF GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM":

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- (4) PORO POINT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PPMC), UNDER SECTION 6 OF E.O. 132, S. OF 2002 ENTITLED, "AUTHORIZING ENTITLED. CREATION OF THE PORO POINT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION AS THE IMPLEMENTING ARM OF THE BASES **CONVERSION** DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OVER THE PORO POINT SPECIAL **ECONOMIC** AND FREEPORT ZONE THE JOHN HAY RENAMING PORO POINT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AS THE JOHN HAY MANAGEMENT CORPORATION";
- ZAMBOANGA CITY SPECIAL ECONOMIC (5)ZONE (ZCSEZA), UNDER SECTION 9 OF R.A. 7903. OR "AN ACT CREATING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE CITY ZAMBOANGA AND **ESTABLISHING** FOR THIS PURPOSE THE ZAMBOANGA CITY SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER";
- AUTHORITY OF THE FREEPORT AREA OF BATAAN (AFAB), UNDER SECTION 14 OF R.A. 9728. OR "AN ACT CONVERTING THE **BATAAN ECONOMIC ZONE** LOCATED IN MUNICIPALITY OF MARIVELES, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, INTO THE FREEPORT AREA OF BATAAN (FAB), CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE AUTHORITY OF THE FREEPORT AREA BATAAN (AFAB), APPROPRIATING THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES OR THE "FREEPORT AREA OF BATAAN ACT OF 2009":
- (7) TOURISM INFRASTRACTURE AND ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (TIEZA), UNDER SECTION 65 OF R.A. 9593, OR "AN ACT DECLARING A NATIONAL POLICY FOR TOURISM AS AN ENGINE OF INVESTMENT, EMPLOYMENT.

GROWTH AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND STRENGTHENING THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES TO EFFECTIVELY EFFICIENTLY IMPLEMENT THAT POLICY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR":

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- SPECIAL **(8)** AURORA **ECONOMIC** ZONE (ASEZA), UNDER SECTION 15 OF R.A. 9490, OR "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AURORA **SPECIAL** ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE PROVINCE OF AURORA. CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE AURORA SPECIAL **ECONOMIC** ZONE **AUTHORITY.** APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" AND SECTION 8 OF R.A. 10083. OR "AN ACT AMENDING R.A. 9490, OR THE "AURORA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 2007";
- (9) CAGAYAN ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY (CEZA), UNDER SECTION 7 OF R.A. 7922, OR "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA ANA AND THE NEIGHBORING ISLANDS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF APARRI, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
- (10) PHILIPPINE VETERANS INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (PHIVIDEC), UNDER SECTION 1, AMENDING SECTION 6 OF P.D. 538 AND SECTION 2 OF E.O. 1031, S. OF 1985 ENTITLED, "REORGANIZING THE PHIVIDEC INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY";
- (11) THE PHILLIPINE ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY (PEZA), UNDER SECTION 11 OF R.A. 7916, OR "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND MECHANISMS FOR THE CREATION, OPERATON, ADMINISTRATION, AND COORDINATION OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY (PEZA), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES".

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SEC. 294. COMPOSITION OF THE FIRB. – THE FIRB SHALL BE RECONSTITUTED AND SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

- (1) SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (DOF);
- (2) SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI);
- (3) DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA);
- (4) EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE PHILIPPINES; AND
- A MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT WHO SHALL COME FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHO SHALL SERVE FULL-TIME. PROVIDED, THAT HE OR SHE IS DISQUALIFIED FROM BEING A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, CONSULTANT, LAWYER, AGENT OR STOCKHOLDER OF ANY **ENTERPRISE** OR REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE OR OF **MEMBER** ANY ASSOCIATION OF REGISTERED ENTERPRISES, IN WHICH CASE, HE OR SHE SHALL RESIGN FROM, AND DIVEST HIMSELF OF ANY AND INTERESTS IN SUCH REGISTERED ENTERPRISE OR ASSOIATION OF REGISTERED ENTERPRISE BEFORE ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS MEMBER OF THE FIRB.

THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE FIRB SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(1) UNDERSECRETARY OF DOF;

- (2) UNDERSECRETARY OF DTI;
- (3) UNDERSECRETARY OF DBM;
- (4) DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NEDA;
- (5) COMMISSIONER OF BIR;

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- (6) COMMISSIONER OF BOC; AND
- (7) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NTRC.

THE NATIONAL TAX RESEARCH CENTER (NTRC) SHALL SERVE AS THE SECRETARIAT OF THE FIRB.

CHAPTER IV

QUALIFIED ACTIVITIES FOR TAX INCENTIVES

SEC. 295. STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS PRIORITY PLAN (SIPP). - THE BOARD OF INVESTMENT (BOI), IN COORDINATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, THE CONCERNED IPAS, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, SHALL FORMULATE THE PLAN TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT FOR APPROVAL THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF AN **EXECUTIVE** ORDER NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER OF THE THIRD YEAR SET FOR PERIODIC REVIEW. THE PLAN SHALL BE VALID FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND AMENDMENT AS THE NEED ARISES.

THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA SHALL BE COMPLIED WITH IN THE LIST OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN THE PLAN:

(A) THE ACTIVITY SHALL BE COVERED BY THE PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR ITS EQUIVALENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS, AND SHALL REFLECT THE HIGH-LEVEL PRIORITIES OF THE COUNTRY;

- (B) THE ACTIVITY SHALL ENDEAVOR TO BE NEUTRAL IN TERMS OF NATIONALITY AND MARKET, PROVIDED THAT THOSE INTENDED FOR THE DOMESTIC MARKET BE IMPORTSUBSTITUTING OR IMPORT-COMPETING PRODUCTS OR ACTIVITIES;
 - (C) THE ACTIVITY'S PERFORMANCE SHALL BE MEASURABLE IN TERMS OF EXPORT SALES, ACTUAL INVESTMENTS, ACTUAL JOB CREATION, INVESTMENTS IN LAGGING REGIONS AS DEFINED IN THE SIPP, INVESTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, LINKAGES CREATION, AND SPILL-OVER EFFECTS, AMONG OTHERS;
 - (D) THE ACTIVITY SHALL NOT INCLUDE THOSE THAT ARE PART OF CROSS-SUBSIDY SCHEMES;
- (E) THE ACTIVITY IN LAGGING REGIONS SHALL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE;
- (F) THE ACTIVITY SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING:
- 26 (1) SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF ACTUAL INVESTMENTS;
- 28 (2) CONSIDERABLE GENERATION OF ACTUAL FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT;

- (3) ADOPT INCLUSIVE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AND VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION BY MICRO, SMALL, AND, MEDIUM-SIZE ENTERPRISES (MSMES);
- (4) USE OF MODERN OR NEW TECHNOLOGY;
- 6 (5) ADOPTION OF ADEQUATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS;

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- (6) ADDRESS MISSING GAPS IN THE SUPPLY/VALUE CHAIN AND/OR MOVE UP THE VALUE CHAIN OR PRODUCT LADDER;
- (7) PROMOTION OF MARKET COMPETITIVENESS; AND
- (8) COMMERCIALIZATION OF IDEAS AND INTRODUCTION OF INNOVATION ACTIVITIES WHETHER PRODUCT, PROCESS, MARKETING, OR NEW BUSINESS MODEL.
- THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT OF INVESTMENTS AND EMPLOYMENT GENERATION REQUIRED FOR A SPECIFIC ACTIVITY TO BE GRANTED TAX INCENTIVES AND RETAIN THE TAX INCENTIVE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A PERIODIC REVIEW EVERY THREE (3) YEARS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND OTHER INDICATORS.
- ACTIVITY MUST COMPLY WITH THE THE 25 QUALIFICATION **SPECIFIC** REQUIREMENTS 26 AND/OR CONDITIONS FOR A PARTICULAR 27 SECTOR OR INDUSTRY AND OTHER LIMITATIONS 28 AS SET AND DETERMINED BY THE BOI. 29

PROVIDED, THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY, IN THE OF NATIONAL **ECONOMIC** INTEREST DEVELOPMENT AND **UPON** RECOMMENDATION \mathbf{OF} THE **BOARD** OF INVESTMENTS AND THE ECONOMIC MANAGERS, GRANT INCENTIVES TO HIGHLY DESIRABLE PROJECTS THAT MAY INCLUDE THOSE THAT ARE NOT PROVIDED IN THE SIPP: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE BENEFITS THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD DERIVE FROM SUCH INVESTMENT THERETO IS CLEAR AND CONVINCING AND FAR OUTWEIGHS THE COST OF INCENTIVES THAT WILL BE GRANTED: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA, AMONG OTHERS, ARE CONSIDERED:

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- (A) MINIMUM INVESTMENT OF FIVE HUNDRED MILLION UNITED STATES DOLLARS (USD 500,000,000).
- (B) MINIMUM DIRECT EMPLOYMENT GENERATION OF AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) PERSONS WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR OF ITS OPERATION:
 - PROVIDED FINALLY, THAT THE GOVERNMENT MAY UTILIZE ITS RESOURCES FOR THE GRANT OF INCENTIVES SUCH AS LAND USE, WATER APPROPRIATION, POWER PROVISION, AND OTHER SIMILAR RESOURCES.
 - SEC. 296. ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE SIPP AND SUSPENSION OF ACTIVITIES THEREOF. SUBJECT TO PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND THE CRITERIA FOR INVESTMENT PRIORITY DETERMINATION, THE BOI MAY, AT ANY TIME, INCLUDE ADDITIONAL AREAS IN THE PLAN, ALTER ANY OF THE TERMS OF THE

DECLARATION OF AN INVESTMENT AREA, AND TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY SUSPEND ACTIVITIES ON THE PLAN IF IT CONSIDERS THAT SUCH ACTIVITY IS NO LONGER A PRIORITY. THE IPAS SHALL NOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS IN AN AREA OF INVESTMENT PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL OF THE SAME AS A PREFERRED AREA OR AFTER APPROVAL OF ITS DELETION AS A PREFERRED AREA OF INVESTMENT IN THE PLAN.

SEC. 297. PUBLICATION OF THE SIPP AND AMENDMENTS THERETO. — UPON APPROVAL OF THE PLAN, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OR UPON APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT THEREOF, THE PLAN OR THE AMENDMENT, SPECIFIYING AND DECLARING THE AREAS OF INVESTMENTS SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN AT LEAST ONE (1) NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION OR THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE AND ALL SUCH AREAS SHALL BE OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNTIL PUBLICATION OF AN AMENDMENT OR DELETION THEREOF.

- SEC. 298. QUALIFICATIONS OF A REGISTERED ENTERPRISE FOR TAX INCENTIVES. A REGISTERED ENTERPRISE MUST SATISFY THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE REVIEW AND GRANT OF TAX INCENTIVES:
- (1) IT WILL ENGAGE IN AN ACTIVITY INCLUDED IN THE PLAN;
- **(2)** \mathbf{IF} THE APPLICANT IS **ENGAGED** OR PROPOSES TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN THE REGISTERED PROJECTS, IT SHALL INSTALL AN ADEQUATE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM THAT SHALL IDENTIFY THE INVESTMENTS. REVENUES, COSTS AND PROFITS OR LOSSES OF EACH REGISTERED PROJECT UNDERTAKEN BY **ENTERPRISE SEPARATELY** FROM THE AGGREGATE INVESTMENTS, REVENUES, COSTS

AND PROFITS OR LOSSES OF THE WHOLE ENTERPRISE, OR ESTABLISH A SEPARATE CORPORATION FOR EACH REGISTERED PROJECT IF THE IPAS SHOULD SO REQUIRE;

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- IT SHALL SATISFY THE PERFORMANCE **(3)** TARGETS SET FORTH IN THE SIPP, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EXPORT SALES, ACTUAL INVESTMENTS, ACTUAL JOB CREATION, INVESTMENTS IN LAGGING REGIONS AS DEFINED IN THE SIPP, INVESTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND **EMPLOYMENT** INVESTMENT IN **PARTS** AND COMPONENTS. INTERMEDIATE MATERIALS. AMONG SUPPLIES. AND \mathbf{RAW} OTHERS.
- (4) IT SHALL REGULARLY REPORT AND COMPLY WITH THE REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10708 OR THE TIMTA LAW.

PROVIDED, THAT NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CONDITIONS SHALL CAUSE THE REVOCATION OF THE TAX INCENTIVES GRANTED AND THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE PENALTIES UNDER SECTION 301 OF THIS CODE. PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT REGISTERED EXPORT ENTERPRISES INSIDE ECONOMIC ZONES AND FREEPORTS MAY AVAIL OF THE TAX AND DUTY FREE IMPORTATION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND RAW MATERIALS DIRECTLY AND EXCLUSIVELY USED IN THE REGISTERED ACTIVITY INSIDE THE ZONES.

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AVAILMENT OF TAX INCENTIVES

SEC. 299. INCOME TAX-BASED INCENTIVES. – ALL REGISTERED ENTERPRISES ARE REQUIRED TO FILE ALL THEIR TAX RETURNS USING ELECTRONIC/ONLINE **FACILITIES** OF THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE (BIR). ON AVAILING THE INCOME TAX-BASED INCENTIVES, REGISTERED ENTERPRISE THE REQUIRED TO SECURE A CERTIFICATE ENTITLEMENT ISSUED BY THE FIRB AND ATTACH THE SAME TO ITS INCOME TAX RETURN (ITR) OR ANNUAL INFORMATION RETURN WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE. THEREAFTER, THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE SHALL FILE ITS CLAIM WITH THE BIR FOR VALIDATION.

FAILURE TO SECURE AND ATTACH THE CERTIFICATION TO THE ITR OR AIR, AND/OR FILE THE INCENTIVE AVAILMENT APPLICATION SHALL CAUSE THE FORFEITURE OF THE INCENTIVE FOR THAT TAXABLE PERIOD.

SEC. 300. CUSTOMS DUTY EXEMPTION ON CAPITAL EQUIPMENT. – IMPORTATION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY AND SPARE PARTS EXCLUSIVELY USED FOR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY INCLUDING CONSIGNMENT THEREOF BY REGISTERED ENTERPRISES MAY BE EXEMPTED TO THE EXTENT OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) OF THE CUSTOMS DUTY, PROVIDED THAT THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE COMPLIED WITH:

(A) THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND/OR SPARE PARTS IS ARE DIRECTLY AND REASONABLY

NEEDED AND WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY IN AND AS PART OF THE DIRECT COST OF THE REGISTERED ACTIVITY OF THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE, AND ARE NOT MANUFACTURED DOMESTICALLY IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY, OF COMPARABLE QUALITY AND AT REASONABLE PRICES. PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE IPA MAY BE SECURED FOR THE PART TIME UTILIZATION OF NON-REGISTERED EQUIPMENT IN A ACTIVITY TO MAXIMIZE USAGE THEREOF, PROVIDED THE PROPORTIONATE TAXES AND DUTIES ARE PAID ON A SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN PROPORTION UTILIZATION FOR NON-REGISTERED ACTIVITIES. IN THE EVENT, IT SHALL BE USED FOR NON-REGISTERED ACTIVITY OF THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE AT ANYTIME WITHIN THE FIRST FIVE (5) YEARS FROM DATE OF IMPORTATION, THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE SHALL FIRST SEEK PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORITY, AND PAY THE TAXES AND CUSTOMS DUTIES THAT WERE NOT PAID UPON ITS IMPORTATION; AND

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(B) THE APPROVAL OF THE IPA WAS OBTAINED BY THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE PRIOR TO THE IMPORTATION OF SUCH CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND/OR SPARE PARTS.

APPROVAL OF THE IPA MUST BE SECURED BEFORE ANY SALE, TRANSFER OR DISPOSITION OF THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND/OR SPARE PARTS WHICH WAS GRANTED TAX AND CUSTOMS DUTY EXEMPTION HEREUNDER IS MADE, AND IT SHALL BE ALLOWED ONLY UNDER THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

(1) IF MADE TO ANOTHER ENTERPRISE ENJOYING CUSTOMS DUTY EXEMPTION ON

IMPORTED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND/OR SPARE PARTS;

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- IF MADE TO ANOTHER ENTERPRISE NOT **(2)** EXEMPTION ON **IMPORTED** AND/OR **SPARE** PARTS, **EQUIPMENT UPON** PAYMENT OF ANY TAXES AND DUTIES DUE ON NET BOOK VALUE OF THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND/OR SPARE PARTS TO BE SOLD;
- (3) EXPORTATION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY, SPARE PARTS OR SOURCE DOCUMENTS, OR THOSE REQUIRED FOR POLLUTION ABATEMENT AND CONTROL; OR
- (4) FOR REASONS OF PROVEN TECHNICAL OBSOLESCENCE.

IF THE PROVIDED, THAT REGISTERED ENTERPRISE SELLS, TRANSFERS OR DISPOSES **AFOREMENTIONED IMPORTED** WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL, THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE AND THE VENDEE, TRANSFEREE, OR ASSIGNEE SHALL BE SOLIDARILY LIABLE TO PAY TWICE THE AMOUNT OF THE DUTY EXEMPTION THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID DURING ITS IMPORTATION. PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT EVEN IF THE SALE, TRANSFER OR DISPOSITION OF THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT WAS MADE AFTER FIVE (5) YEARS FROM DATE OF IMPORTATION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE IPA. THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE IS STILL LIABLE TO PAY DUTIES BASED ON THE NET BOOK VALUE OF THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IF IT HAS VIOLATED ANY OF ITS REGISTRATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

CHAPTER VI

FINAL PROVISIONS

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SEC. 301. NO DOUBLE REGISTRATION OF ENTERPRISES. – REGISTERED ENTERPRISES SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER THEIR ACTIVITIES IN MORE THAN ONE (1) IPA.

SEC. 302. GOVERNANCE RULES. – THE DIFFERENT IPAS MAY REQUIRE DOMESTIC REGISTERED ENTERPRISES TO LIST THEIR SHARES OF STOCK IN ANY ACCREDITED STOCK EXCHANGE OR DIRECTLY OFFER A PORTION OF THEIR CAPITAL STOCK TO THE PUBLIC AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) YEARS FROM DATE OF REGISTRATION.

INVESTMENTS SEC. PRIOR TOTHE303. ACT. **EFFECTIVITY** OF**THIS** EXISTING REGISTERED ACTIVITIES GRANTED THE INCOME SHALL \mathbf{BE} ALLOWED HOLIDAY CONTINUE WITH THE AVAILMENT OF THE SAID INCENTIVE FOR THE REMAINING PERIOD OF THE ITH OR FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS ONLY, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST; PROVIDED THAT THE GRANTED TO EXISTING **INCENTIVE** TAX REGISTERED ACTIVITIES SHALL BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE FOLLOWING THE **SCHEDULE** STATED HEREIN:

(A) TWO (2) YEARS FOR ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE RECEIVED THE SPECIAL TAX RATE OF 5% OF GROSS INCOME EARNED TAX INCENTIVE FOR MORE THAN TEN (10) YEARS;

(B) THREE (3) YEARS FOR ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE RECEIVED THE SPECIAL TAX RATE OF 5% OF GROSS INCOME EARNED INCENTIVE TAX INCENTIVE BETWEEN FIVE (5) AND TEN (10) YEARS;

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- (C) FIVE (5) YEARS FOR ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE RECEIVED THE INCOME TAX HOLIDAY (ITH) OR THE SPECIAL TAX RATE OF 5% OF GROSS INCOME EARNED TAX INCENTIVE BELOW FIVE (5) YEARS. *PROVIDED* THAT THE 5% TAX ON GROSS INCOME EARNED SHALL COMMENCE AFTER THE ITH PERIOD HAS LAPSED ONLY FOR THE REMAINING YEARS WITHIN THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD.
- SEC. 304. SUSPENSION AND FORFEITURE OF TAX INCENTIVES OFREGISTERED ENTERPRISES, ANDREFUND **PENALTIES**; WAIVER CONDONATION. - WHEN THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE HAS VIOLATED ITS REGISTRATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS, THE IPA SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE FIRB THE SUSPENSION OF ITS AVAILMENT OF INCENTIVES, UNTIL PROVEN OTHERWISE.
- INCASE \mathbf{OF} CANCELLATION **OF** THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION GRANTED UNDER THIS ACT, THE BIR, IN COORDINATION WITH THE FIRB, WILL REQUIRE THE PAYMEN OF INCENTIVES ASESSED TO HAVE BEEN GRANTED TO THE SAID ENTERPRISE FOR ITS REGISTERED ACTIVITY AND IMPOSE CORRESPONDING FINES AND PENALTIES.
- THE FOREGOING IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIR TO CONDUCT

AUDIT AND IMPOSE PENALTIES UNDER THIS CODE.

SEC. 36. A new Title on Tax and Duty Treatment of Entities Other Than Registered Enterprises is hereby inserted in the NIRC as Title XIII to read:

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TITLE XIII

TAX AND DUTY TREATMENT OF ENTITIES OTHER THAN REGISTERED ENTERPRISES

SEC. 305. TAXDUTYANDTREATMENT OF**GOVERNMENT-OWNED** ANDCONTROLLED CORPORATIONS. – ALL INTERNAL REVENUE TAX AND DUTY OBLIGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROL CORPORATIONS (GOCCS) SHALL \mathbf{BE} CHARGEABLE TO THE TAX EXPENDITURE FUND (TEF) IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 93, S. OF 1986: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT GOCCS SHALL BE LIABLE TO ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPOSITIONS.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF LAWS SHALL BE AMENDED OR REPEALED IN CONFORMITY WITH THIS SECTION:

- SECTION 18 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7884 ENTITLED, "AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL TO AUTHORITY ACCELERATE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DAIRY INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES, **PROVIDING FOR** A DAIRY DEVELOPMENT FUND, AND **FOR** OTHER **PURPOSES**";
- (2) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7903 ENTITLED, "AN ACT CREATING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE CITY

OF ZAMBOANGA FOR THIS PURPOSE THE ZAMBOANGA CITY SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE":

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- (3) SECTION 12-A OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10083 ENTITLED, "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9490, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE AURORA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 2007;"
- SECTIONS 29, 57, 74, 95 (C) OF REPUBLIC ACT **(4)** NO. 9593 ENTITLED, "AN ACT DECLARING **TOURISM** AS **ENGINE** OF INVESTMENT. EMPLOYMENT, **GROWTH** AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM OR TOURISM ACT OF 2009";
- (5) SECTION 10 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 538 ENTITLED, "CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE PHIVIDEC INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY AND MAKING IT A SUBSIDIARY AGENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE VETERANS INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
- (6) SECTION 16 (A) (B) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9497 ENTITLED, "AN ACT CREATING THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES;"
- (7) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7278 ENTITLED, "AN ACT AMENDING COMMONWEALTH ACT 111, AS AMENDED BY PD 460, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO CREATE A PUBLIC CORPORATION KNOWN AS THE BOYS SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND TO DEFINE ITS POWERS AND PURPOSES," BY STRENGTHENING THE

VOLUNTEER AND DEMOCRATIC CHARACTER OF THE BOYS SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES;"

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- (8) SECTION 11 (A), (B), (C), (D) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10073, ENTITLED "AN ACT INSTITUTING THE NEW GIRL SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES CHARTER, PENALIZING VIOLATIONS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES;"
- (9) SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7354 ENTITLED, "AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE POSTAL CORPORATION, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, PROVIDING FOR REGULATION OF THE INDUSTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH;"
- (10) SECTION 8 AND 14 OF **PRESIDENTIAL** DECREE NO. 269 ENTITLED, "CREATING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION AS A CORPORATION, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS ACTIVITIES. APPROPRIATING NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFORE AND DECLARING A NATIONAL POLICY OBJECTIVE FOR THE TOTAL ELECTRIFICATION OF THE PHILIPPINES ON AN COVERAGE **SERVICE** BASIS, ORGANIZATION. **PROMOTION** AND DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES TO THE SAID OBJECTIVE, PRESCRIBING ATTAIN **CONDITIONS TERMS** AND FOR OPERATIONS, THE REPEAL OF RA 6038, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES;"
- (11) SECTION 2 AND 19 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9679 ENTITLED, "AN ACT AMENDING THE HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PAG-IBIG FUND;"
- (12) SECTION 17 (C) UNDER SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9576 ENTITLED, "INCREASING

THE MAXIMUM DEPOSIT INSURANCE COVERAGE, AND STRENGTHENING THE REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY AND FINANCIAL CAPABILITY OF PDIC:"

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- (13) SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7820 ENTITLED, "AN ACT CREATING THE PARTIDO DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:"
- 10 (14) SECTION 5(J) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9510 ENTITLED, "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CREDIT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES;"
 - (15) SECTION 13(E) OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 857 ENTITLED, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF PORT ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION FUNCTIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, REVISING PD 505 DATED JULY 11, 1974, CREATING THE PHILIPPINE PORT AUTHORITY, BY SUBSTITUTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES;"
 - (16) SECTION 19 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6847 "AN ENTITLED. ACT **CREATING** AND **ESTABLISHING** THE **PHILIPPINE SPORTS** COMMISSION, **DEFINING** ITS POWERS. FUNCTIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
 - (17) SECTION 8 (A) (B) AND SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6395 ENTITLED, "AN ACT REVISING THE CHARTER OF THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION";
- (18) SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7291 ENTITLED, "AN ACT RESTORING THE TAX AND

DUTY INCENTIVES PREVIOUSLY ENJOYED BY THE VETERANS FEDERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY"; AND

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(19) SECTION 21 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7306 ENTITLED, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S TELEVISION NETWORK, INC., DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FOR ITS SOURCES OF FUNDING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:"

PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT PROVISIONS OF ALL OTHER LAWS NOT OTHERWISE ENUMERATED HEREIN THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE TAX AND DUTY TREATMENT OF GOCCS UNDER THIS SECTION ARE DEEMED AMENDED OR REPEALED.

SEC. 306. TAXANDDUTY**TREATMENT** GRANTEES OF FRANCHISES WITH "IN LIEU OF ALL TAXES" CLAUSES. - IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FRANCHISE AND RIGHTS GRANTED APPLICABLE LAWS, THE GRANTEE SHALL PAY TO THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT DURING THE LIFE OF ITS FRANCHISE ALL THE APPLICABLE TAXES AND IMPOSITIONS LEVIED UNDER THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. AMENDED, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AMENDED, FOR REVENUES EARNED FROM ALL ACTIVITIES: PROVIDED, THAT THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE SHALL BE CONSULTED ON ANY CHANGES IN THE TAX AND DUTY TREATMENT OF ANY GRANTEE.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF LAWS SHALL BE AMENDED OR REPEALED IN CONFORMITY WITH THIS SECTION:

(1) SECTION 13 AND 14 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1590 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING A NEW FRANCHISE TO PHILIPPINE AIRLINES, INC.

TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND OTHER COUNTRIES";

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- (2) SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7151 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING CEBU AIR, INC. FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS, MAIL, GOODS AND PROPERTY BY AIR, BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL WITH CEBU AS ITS BASE";
- (3) SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7583 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING ABOITIZ AIR TRANSPORT CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TRANPORT SERVICES FOR THE CARRIAGE OF GOODS, MAIL AND OTHER PROPERTY BY AIR, BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL";
- (4) SECTION 12 AND 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7909 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO PACIFIC AIRWAYS CORPORATION TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN RURAL AIR TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND ALLIED SERVICES IN THE PHILIPPINES";
- (5) SECTION 11 AND 15 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8339 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING AIR PHILIPPINES CORPORATION (AIR PHILIPPINES) A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES";
- (6) SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7783 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE MAJOR TELECOMS, INC., A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN, LEASE AND OPERATE WIRE AND/OR WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, LINES, CIRCUITS AND STATIONS

THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES FOR PUBLIC DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

- (7) SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO 7939 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE ISLAND COUNTRY TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN, LEASE AND OPERATE WERE AND/OR WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND SERVICES, LINES, CIRCUITS AND STATIONS WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
- (8) SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7961 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING TO CRUZ TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC., (CRUZTELCO), A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES";
- (9) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7962 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
- (10) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7963 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE CEBU BROADCASTING COMPANY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
- (11) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7966 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE ABS-CBN BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO

CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

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- (12) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7967 ENTITLES "AN ACT GRANTING THE PACIFIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
- (13) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7969 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE CENTRAL CATV, INC. A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES CABLE/COMMUNITY ANTENNAE TELEVISION SYSTEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES";
- (14) SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8004 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING TO MILLENNIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES AND INTERNATIONAL POINTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
- (15) SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10900 ENTITLED "AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25)YEARS THE **FRANCHISE** TO BELL **TELECOMMUNICATION** GRANTED PHILIPPINES, INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7692, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING BELL **TELECOMMUNICATION** PHILIPPINES, INC., A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, OPERATE, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

(16) SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7859 ENTITLED "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION ONE OF **FRANCHISE** OF WORLDWIDE INC., COMMUNICATIONS, GRANTED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. FIVE **THOUSAND** THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE AND EXTENDING IT FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

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- (17) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8060 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING PALAWAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES";
- (18) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8063 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE BEACON COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES";
- (19) SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8065 "AN ACT ENTITLED **GRANTING** THE **ISLA** COMMUNICATIONS. INC.. CELLULAR CONSTRUCT, FRANCHISE TO MAINTAIN, OPERATE COMMERCIAL MOBILE ESTABLISH, AND FIXED WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES";
- (20) SECTION 9 REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8066 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE ISLA PAGING COMPANY. Α **FRANCHISE** TO CONSTRUCT. ESTABLISH, AND MAINTAIN, **OPERATE** COMMERCIAL RADIO PAGING SERVICES IN THE PHILIPPINES";

(21) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8067 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE RADIO GUBAT NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE BICOL REGION":

- (22) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8068 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO AGUSAN COMMUNICATIONS FOUNDATION, INC., TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN STATIONS FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
 - (23) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8071 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING VISMIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING NETWORK, INCORPORATED A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE VISAYAS AND MINDANAO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
 - (24) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8080 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE ASIAN-PACIFIC BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES":
 - (25) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. ENTITLED "AN ACT **GRANTING** THE IPIL BROADCASTING **NEWS** NETWORK. INC. FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

(26) SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8095 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE ISLATEL CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN. **ESTABLISH** AND **OPERATE** COMMERCIAL **NATIONWIDE** AND REGIONAL **NETWORK** TRANSMISSION AND OTHER TELEPHONE SERVICES IN THE PHILIPPINES";

- (27) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8096 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE ALLIED BROADCASTING CENTER, INCORPORATED A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN STATIONS FOR RADIO IN CEBU CITY AND OTHER AREAS IN THE PHILIPPINES WHERE FREQUENCIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR RADIO BROADCASTING FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL, AS WELL AS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES";
- (28) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8097 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE PARTIDO BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN BROADCAST AND CABLE RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE BICOL REGION";
- (29) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8098 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING BROADCAST ENTERPRISES AND AFFILIATED MEDIA (BEAM), INC., A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCAST STATIONS INCLUDING CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES";
- (30) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8099 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO SAGAY BROADCASTING CORPORATION (SBC) TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN STATIONS

FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

- (31) SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8102 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE ULTIMATE ENTERTAINMENT, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES";
- (32) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8116 ENTITLED, "AN ACT GRANTING THE VIMCONTU BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS, WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
- (33) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8119 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE GOOD NEWS SORSOGON FOUNDATION, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES":
- (34) SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8120 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE ANDRES BONIFACIO COLLEGE BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS AND STATIONS FOR TELEVISION IN THE ISLAND OF MINDANAO FOR EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES";
- (35) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8121 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE M.S. NETWORK MANAGEMENT, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN

FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

- (36) SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8123 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE ROYAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
- (37) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8128 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING. A FRANCHISE TO THE ORIENTAL MINDORO MANAGEMENT RESOURCES CORPORATION (OMARCO) TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, MANAGE AND MAINTAIN A NETWORK OF RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS ANYWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
- (38) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8132 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING JOSE M. LUISON AND SONS, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES";
- (39) SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8144 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE AZIMUTH BROADCASTING CORPORATION OFFRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES";
- (40) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8145 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE RADYO PILIPINO CORPORATION AFRANCHISE TO

CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS, SATELLITE AND CABLE STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES";

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- (41) SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8147 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE SOUTHERN BROADCASTING NETWORK AFRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, ESTABLISH AND OPERATECOMMERCIAL RADIO/TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS, IN THE PHILIPPINES";
- (42) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8149 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE TAGBILARAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM AFRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS, IN THE VISAYAS REGION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
- (43) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8154 "AN ENTITLED ACT GRANTING PRIME BROADCASTING NETWORK, INCORPORATED, A TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE **FRANCHISE** AND **STATIONS** MAINTAIN **FOR** RADIO AND TELEVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES;"
- (44) SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8158 ENTITLED "AN ACT EXTENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO **JORGE** D. **BAYONA ACT** REPUBLIC NUMBERED FIFTY-SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE, ASSIGNING IT IN FAVOR OF PBN BROADCASTING NETWORK INC., AND RENEWING THE TERM THEREOF FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT";
- (45) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8169 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING GV BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO

CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE ISLAND OF LUZON AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES":

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- (46) SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10926 ENTITLED "AN ACT EXTENDING FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SMART COMMUNICATIONS, INC., (FORMERLY SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES. AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7294, ENTITLED, "AN ACT GRANTING SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES INC. (SMART) A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, LEASE **OPERATE** INTEGRATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS/COMPUTER/ELECTRONI C SERVICES, AND STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE **PHILIPPINES FOR PUBLIC** DOMESTIC INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
- (47) SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9511 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES A FRANCHISE TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF CONVEYING OR TRANSMITTING ELECTRICITY THROUGH HIGH VOLTAGE BACK-BONE SYSTEMS OF INTERCONNECTED TRANSMISSION LINES, SUBSTATIONS AND RELATED FACILITIES";
- (48) SECTION 13 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1869 RESTORED PER OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT MEMORANDUM DATED AUGUST 24, 1995 CONSOLIDATING AND AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NOS. 1067-A, 1067-B, 1067-C, 1399 AND 1632 RELATIVE TO THE FRANCHISE AND POWERS OF THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR);
- (49) SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7953 ENTITLED "AN ACT AMENDING RA 6632

ENTITLED, "AN ACT GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE RACING ACT, INC., A FRANCHISE TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A RACE TRACK FOR HORSE RACING IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL, AND EXTENDING THE SAID FRANCHISE BY 25 YEARS FROM THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM THEREOF";

- (50) SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8407 ENTITLED "AN ACT AMENDING RA 6631 ENTITLED, "AN ACT GRANTING MANILA JOCKEY CLUB, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A RACE TRACK FOR HORSE RACING IN THE CITY OF MANILA OR ANY PLACE WITHIN THE PROVINCES OF BULACAN, CAVITE OR RIZAL AND EXTENDING THE SAID FRANCHISE BY 25 YEARS FROM THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM THEREOF";
- (51) SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8298 ENTITLED "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY-NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT, ENTITLED, "AN ACT GRANTING THE METRO MANILA TURF CLUB, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A RACETRACK FOR HORSE RACING IN THE CITY OF KALOOKAN";
- (52) SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8446 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE FIL-ASIA RACING CLUB A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A RACETRACK FOR HORSE RACING IN RIZAL OR TARLAC, OR PAMPANGA OR BATANGAS OR QUEZON CITY";
- (53) SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 402, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT GRANTING THE CLAVECILLA RADIO SYSTEM A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH RADIO STATIONS FOR BROADCASTING, TELECOMMUNICATION, AND TELEVISION, AS AMENDED";

(54) SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7633 "AN ACT **AMENDING** ENTITLED CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3259, AMENDED, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH STATIONS, FOR DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS. RADIOPHONE," EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE FRANCHISE BY TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM AUGUST 9, 1996 AS PROVIDED IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4905, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES":

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- (55) SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8004 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING TO MILLENNIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES AND INTERNATIONAL POINTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
- (56) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8153 **ACT** ENTITLED "AN **GRANTING** ELECTRONICS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND RADIOTELEPHONE **MAINTAIN PUBLIC** AND RADIOTELEGRAPH **STATIONS** FOR THE RECEPTION AND TRANSMISSION **OF** RADIOTELEPHONE AND RADIOTELEGRAPH COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES";
- (57) SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10972 ENTITLED "AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25)YEARS THE **FRANCHISE** GRANTED TO INFOCOM COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC. (PRESENTLY KNOWN AS NOW TELECOM COMPANY, INC.) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7301, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING INFOCOM COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC. (ICNI), A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, **OPERATE** AND MAINTAIN **MOBILE** RADIO

SYSTEMS SUCH AS RADIO, PAGING SYSTEMS, **PHONE** CELLULAR SYSTEMS, **PERSONAL** COMMUNICATION **NETWORK** (PCN), TRUNKED RADIO **SYSTEMS** WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE PHILIPPINES FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", AS AMENDED BY THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7940";

- (58) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7816 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";
- (59) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8027 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO THE KAISSAR BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. (KBNI), TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, MANAGE AND MAINTAIN A NETWORK OF RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS ANYWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES":
- (60) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8032 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE RADIO CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES"; AND
- (61) SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8122 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE SWARA SUG MEDIA CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES".

PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT PROVISIONS OF ALL 1 OTHER LAWS NOT OTHERWISE ENUMERATED 2 HEREIN THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE TAX 3 AND DUTY **TREATMENT** OF GRANTEES 4 FRANCHISES WITH "IN LIEU OF ALL TAXES" 5 CLAUSES UNDER THIS SECTION ARE DEEMED 6 AMENDED OR REPEALED.

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- 8 **SEC. 37.** Title XII, entitled "Oversight Committee," of the NIRC is hereby renumbered as Title XIV and amended as follows:
- SEC. [290] **307**. Congressional Oversight Committee. xxx
- SEC. 38. *Repealing Clause*. (A) The following provisions, insofar as they provide for tax and duty incentives, are hereby repealed:
 - (1) Section 5 of Republic Act No. (R.A.) 9379, or "An Act Defining Handline Fishing, Providing Effective Regulations Therefor And For Other Purposes";
 - (2) Section 16, The Last Sentence Thereof, of R.A. 10601, or "An Act Promoting Agricultural And Fisheries Mechanization Development In The Country";
 - (3) Section 32 of R.A. 10654, or "An Act To Prevent, Deter And Eliminate Illegal, Unreported And Unregulated Fishing, Amending Republic Act No. 8550, Otherwise Known As The Philippine Fisheries Code Of 1998, And For Other Purposes";
- 24 (4) Section 14 (B) of R.A. 7308, or "The Seed Industry Development Act Of 1992";
- 26 (5) Section 18, 2nd and 3rd Paragraph Thereof, of R.A.
 27 7884, or "An Act Creating The National Dairy Authority To
 28 Accelerate The Development Of The Dairy Industry In The
 29 Philippines, Providing For A Dairy Development Fund, And
 30 For Other Purposes";
 - (6) Section 9 (E), (F), (I), and (J) of R.A. 7900, or "An Act To Promote The Production, Processing, Marketing, And

- Distribution Of High Value Crops, Providing Funds Therefor, And For Other Purposes";
- Chapter II, Article II, Sec. 35 (B), (C) and (D) of R.A. 8550, or "The Philippine Fisheries Code Of 1998";

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- 5 (8) Section 24 (A) and (F) of R.A. 10068, or "An Act Providing For The Development And Promotion Of Organic Agriculture In The Philippines And For Other Purposes";
- (9) Section 37 of R.A. 6848, or "The Charter Of The Al-Amanah Islamic Investment Bank Of The Philippines";
- 10 (10) Section 17 of Republic Act No. 7906 Entitled, "An Act Providing For The Regulation Of The Organization And Operations Of Thrift Banks, And For Other Purposes;"
- (11) Section 15 of R.A. 7353, or The "Rural Bank Act Of 1992";
- (12) Book I, Title III, Article 39 (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (G), (I), (J), (K), (M) And (N); Title IV, Article 40, Book III Article 59, 60, 61, Book IV Article 69, Book VI, Articles 77, 78, And 81 of Executive Order No. 226, Series of 1987, or "The Omnibus Investments Code Of 1987";
- 20 (13) Section 1 of R.A. 7918, "An Act Amending Article 39, Title III The Omnibus Investments Code Of 1987, As Amended";
- 23 (14) Articles 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 And 69 of R.A. 8756, or
 24 "An Act Providing For The Terms, Conditions And Licensing
 25 Requirements Of Regional Or Area Headquarters, Regional
 26 Operating Headquarters, Regional Warehouses Of
 27 Multinational Companies Amending For The Purpose Certain
 28 Provisions Of The Omnibus Investment Code Of 1987";
- (15) Executive Order No. 22, s. of 2017 Amending E.O. 70, s. of 2012, E.O. 528, s. of 2006 and E.O. 313, s. of 2004, Entitled "Reducing The Rates Of Duty On Capital

Equipment, Spare Parts And Accessories Imported By BOI-Registered New And Expanding Enterprises";

- (16) Section 12 of R.A. 8047, or "An Act Providing For The Development Of The Book Publishing Industry Through The Formulation And Implementation Of A National Book Policy And A National Book Development Plan";
- 7 (17) Section 17, In So Far As Tax Exemption and/or VAT
 8 Zero Rating On Domestic Merchandise Is Concerned, and
 9 Section 18 (A), (B), (C) and (F) of Presidential Decree No.
 10 66, Entitled "Creating The Export Processing Zone Authority
 11 And Revising Republic Act No. 5490";
- 12 (18) Section 4 (E) and (F), In So Far As Tax Exemption 13 and/or VAT Zero Rating On Domestic Merchandise Is 14 Concerned, of R.A. 7903, or The "Zamboanga City Special 15 Economic Zone Act Of 1995";
- 16 (19) Section 4 (B) (C), In So Far As Tax Exemption and/or VAT Zero Rating On Domestic Merchandise Is Concerned, of R.A. 7922, or "An Act Establishing A Special Economic Zone And Free Port In The Municipality Of Santa Ana And The Neighboring Islands In The Municipality Of Aparri, Province Of Cagayan Providing Funds Therefor, And For Other Purposes";
- 23 (20) Section 4 of R.A. 8748, or "An Act Amending Republic Act No. 7916, Otherwise Known As The Special Economic Zone Act Of 1995";
- 26 (21) Sections 23 and 24 of R.A. 7916, or "The Special Economic Zone Act Of 1995";
- 28 (22) Sections 12 (B) and (C) and Section 15, second, third, 29 and last paragraph of R.A. 7227, or "An Act Accelerating The 30 Conversion Of Military Reservations Into Other Productive 31 Uses, Creating The Bases Conversion And Development 32 Authority For This Purpose, Providing Funds Therefor And 33 For Other Purposes," as amended by R.A. 9400;

- (23) Section 1 of E.O. 619, s. of 2017 Entitled "Creating And Designating Special Economic Zones Pursuant To Republic Act No. 7916, As Amended By Republic Act No. 8784, In Relation To Republic Act No. 7227, As Amended By Republic Act No. 9400, Inside The Clark Freeport Zone";
- (24) Sections 5, 6, 7, 8 And 9 of R.A 9490, or "An Act Establishing The Aurora Special Economic Zone In The Province Of Aurora, Creating For The Purpose The Aurora Special Economic Zone Authority, Appropriating Funds Therefor And For Other Purposes";

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- (25) Sections 3 (E) (F) (H) and 4 of R.A. No. 10083, or "An Act Amending Republic Act No. 9490";
- (26) Section 4 (F), In So Far As Tax Exemption and/or VAT Zero Rating On Domestic Merchandise and Capital Equipment Are Concerned, and Sections 5, 6 and 10 of R.A. 9728, or The "Freeport Area Of Bataan (FAB) Act Of 2009";
- 17 (27) Sections 12, 21, and 22 of P.D. 87 (Restored By FIRB Resolution 19-87), or The "Oil Exploration And Development Act";
- 20 (28) P.D. 529 (Restored By FIRB Resolution 19-87), Entitled "Granting To Petroleum Exploration Concessionaires Under The Petroleum Act Of 1949 Exemption From Customs Duty And Compensating Tax On Importations Of Machinery And Equipment, Spare Parts And Materials Required For Their Exploration Operations";
- 26 (29) Section 16 (A), (B), and (C) and Section 17 (A) to (E) of P.D. 972, or "The Coal Development Act Of 1976";
- 28 (30) Section 4 (A) of P.D. 1442 (Restored By FIRB Resolution 19-87), or "An Act To Promote The Exploration And Development Of Geothermal Resources";
- (31) Section 10 (1) to (6) of R.A. 7156, or The "Mini-Hydroelectric Incentive Act";

- (32) Section 9 of R.A. 8479, or The "Downstream Oil Industry Deregulation Act Of 1998";
- (33) Section 6, Fifth Paragraph of R.A. 9136, or the "Electric Power Industry Reform Act Of 2001";

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- (34) Chapter VII, Section 15 Except (H), Sections 19, 21
 (A) to (D), and 23 of R.A. 9513, or "An Act Promoting The
 Development, Utilization And Commercialization Of
 Renewable Energy Resources And For Other Purposes";
- (35) Section 6 (A) (B) of R.A. 9367, or "An Act To Direct The Use Of Biofuels, Establishing For This Purpose The Biofuel Program, Appropriating Funds Therefore, And For Other Purposes";
- 13 (36) Sections 36 (E) and (F) of P.D. 705 Entitled, "Revising P.D. 389, Or The 'Revised Forestry Code Of The Philippines'";
- 16 (37) Section 45 (b) (1) (c) of R.A. 9003, Entitled "An Act Providing For An Ecological Solid Waste Management Program, Creating The Necessary Institutional Mechanisms And Incentives, Declaring Certain Acts Prohibited And Providing Penalties, Appropriating Funds Therefor And For Other Purposes";
- 22 (38) The Fiscal Incentives in Section 26 A (1) to (3) of R.A. 9275, or The "Philippine Clean Water Act Of 2004";
- 24 (39) Sections 16 and 17 of R.A. 7844, or The "Export Development Act Of 1994";
- 26 (40) Section 13 of R.A. 10817, or "An Act Instituting The Philippine Halal Export Development And Promotion Program, Creating For The Purpose The Philippine Halal Export Development And Promotion Board, And For Other Purposes";
- (41) Section 14 of R.A. 8423, or "An Act Creating The Philippine Institute Of Traditional And Alternative Health

Care (PITAHC) To Accelerate The Development Of Traditional And Alternative Health Care In The Philippines, Providing For A Traditional And Alternative Health Care Development Fund And For Other Purposes";

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- 5 (42) Section 20 (D) (1) to (5) of R.A. 10884, or "An Act 6 Strengthening The Balanced Housing Development Program, 7 Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 7279, Or 'The 8 Urban Development And Housing Act Of 1992'";
- (43) Section 10 of R.A. 7718, or "An Act Amending Certain Sections Of R.A. 6957, Entitled 'An Act Authorizing The Financing, Construction, Operation And Maintenance Of Infrastructure Projects By The Private Sector, And For Other Purposes";
- 14 (44) Section 6 (C) (D) (F) and Sections 7 and 8 of R.A.
 15 7103, or "An Act To Strengthen The Iron And Steel Industry
 16 And Promote Philippine Industrialization And For Other
 17 Purposes";
- (45) Section 3 (A) to (D) and (H) of R.A. 8502, or "The Jewelry Industry Development Act Of 1998";
- 20 (46) Section 5 (A) (B) of R.A. 10771, or "An Act Promoting The Creation Of Green Jobs, Granting Incentives And Appropriating Funds Therefor";
- 23 (47) Section 7-B (h) (10) of R.A. 6977 or the "Magna Carta for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)," as amended by R.A. 9501;
- 26 (48) Section 7 of R.A. 9178, or "An Act To Promote The Establishment Of Barangay Micro Business Enterprises (BMBES), Providing Incentives And Benefits Therefor, And For Other Purposes";
- (49) Chapter XV, Section 83; Chapter XVI, Sections 90, 91, 92, 93 of R.A. 7942, or The "Philippine Mining Act Of 1995";

- (50) Chapter II, Section 4 and Chapter VIII, Section 19 of R.A. 9295, or The "Domestic Shipping Development Act Of 2004";
- (51) Section 6 of R.A. 7471, As Amended, or The "Philippine Overseas Shipping Development Act";
- 6 (52) Subchapter V-A, Sections 86, 88, And 95 (A) and (B) of R.A. 9593, or The "Tourism Act Of 2009";
- (53) Section 8, Second and Third Paragraphs Thereof, of R.A. 10816, or "An Act Providing For The Development And Promotion Of Farm Tourism In The Philippines";
- 11 (54) Sections 8 and 9, In So Far As Tax Exemption and VAT Zero Rating of Domestic Merchandise, of P.D. 538
 13 Entitled, "Creating And Establishing The Phividec Industrial Authority And Making It A Subsidiary Agency Of The Philippine Veterans Development Corporation, Defining Its Powers, Functions And Responsibilities, And For Other Purposes", as amended by P.D. No. 1491;
- 18 (55) Section 1 (1.1) of E.O. 97-A s. of 1993 Entitled, 19 "Further Clarifying The Tax And Duty-Free Privilege Within The Subic Special Economic And Free Port Zone";
- (56) Section 4(F) and Section 5(C)(K), In So Far As Tax Exemption and/or VAT Zero Rating on Domestic Merchandise Is Concerned, and Section 12-B of Republic Act No. 10083 Entitled, "An Act Amending Republic Act No. 9490, Or 'The Aurora Special Economic Zone Act Of 2007";
- 26 (57) Section 5 (5.1) and (5.2) of E.O. 290 Entitled, 27 "Implementing The Natural Gas Vehicle Program For Public Transport";
- 29 (58)Sections 18 and 20 of R.A. 6847 Entitled, "An Act Creating And Establishing The Philippine Sports 30 Commission, Defining Powers, Its Functions, 31 Responsibilities, Appropriating Funds Therefor, And For 32 Other Purposes";

- (59) Section 10 of P.D. 1174, Amending P.D. 972, or The "Coal Development Act Of 1976";
- (60) Section 23 of R.A. 7925, or "An Act To Promote And
 Govern The Development Of Philippine Telecommunications
 And Delivery Of Public Telecommunications Services";
- 6 (61) Section 42 (C) of R.A. 7277, or "An Act Providing For The Rehabilitation, Self-Development And Self-Reliance Of Disabled Persons And Their Integration Into The Mainstream Society And For Other Purposes";
- (B) Section 22 of R.A. 9337 is hereby repealed in relation to the amendment of Section 119 of the NIRC as provided for in this Act.
- (C) The provisions on Investment Priority Plan (IPP) under Chapter I, Article 26 and Chapter II of E.O. 226 s. of 1987, or the "Omnibus Investments Code of 1987," are hereby repealed.
- (D) All other laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with this Act.
- SEC. 39. Separability Clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Code shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of said Code, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy.
- SEC. 40. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Finance shall, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and consultations with the Department of Trade and Industry, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.
- SEC. 41. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2019 or fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation, whichever is earlier.

Approved,