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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE AND
RECOVERY INTERVENTIONS AND PROVIDING
MECHANISMS TO ACCELERATE THE RECOVERY
AND BOLSTER THE RESILIENCY OF THE
PHILIPPINE ECONOMY, PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known and
2 cited as “Bayanihan to Recover As One Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared
4 the policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social

1 order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of
2 the nation and free the people from poverty, particularly in
3 the aftermath of natural and man-made disasters, through
4 policies that provide adequate social services, promote full
5 employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved
6 quality of life for all. Towards this end, and in cognizance
7 of the adverse impact of the 2019 Coronavirus Disease
8 (COVID-19) pandemic to the Philippine economy and
9 society, the State shall likewise establish mechanisms to
10 achieve the following objectives:

11 (a) Reduce the adverse impact of COVID-19 on the
12 socioeconomic well-being of Filipinos through the provision
13 of assistance, subsidies and other forms of socioeconomic
14 relief;

15 (b) Sustain efforts to test, trace, isolate and treat
16 COVID-19 cases to mitigate the transmission of the
17 disease and prevent further loss of lives;

18 (c) Enhance the capacity of the Philippine health care
19 system to eliminate, prevent and control disease outbreaks
20 and pandemics and mitigate the effects of other health or

1 life-threatening concerns by ensuring budgetary support
2 for healthcare;

3 (d) Mitigate the economic cost and losses stemming
4 from the COVID-19 pandemic;

5 (e) Restore public trust and confidence on social and
6 economic institutions;

7 (f) Accelerate the recovery and bolster the resilience
8 of the Philippine economy through measures grounded on
9 economic inclusivity and collective growth;

10 (g) Accommodate alternative modes of transportation,
11 including a network of bicycle lanes in all roads in every
12 city and municipality, for the people who may opt to use
13 the bicycle as an alternative mode of transportation to
14 address health, environment, and traffic concerns;

15 (h) Promote and protect the collective interests of all
16 Filipinos in these challenging times;

17 (i) Optimize the use of science, technology and
18 innovation in government's response measures; and

1 (j) Enhance public trust in science and incorporate
2 the use of scientific research and technological expertise in
3 policy-making process.

4 SEC. 3. *COVID-19 Response and Recovery Interventions.* –
5 The following shall be undertaken and implemented as
6 COVID-19 response and recovery interventions:

7 (a) Following World Health Organization (WHO)
8 guidelines and best practices, adoption and
9 implementation of measures to prevent or suppress further
10 transmission and spread of COVID-19 through effective
11 education, detection, protection, and treatment: *Provided,*
12 That the percentage of the population that will undergo
13 COVID-19 testing shall be in accordance with WHO
14 standards and global benchmark, in areas identified by the
15 Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of the
16 Interior and Local Government (DILG) as epicenters of
17 COVID-19 infections, starting in the National Capital
18 Region, Central Visayas, CALABARZON, and Central
19 Luzon and in other areas where higher possibility of
20 transmission of COVID-19 may occur or have occurred.

1 The DOH shall adopt a COVID-19 disease surveillance
2 protocol that shall define minimum health standards for
3 workplaces and business activities which shall include
4 COVID-19 testing and the establishment of a contact
5 tracing system including personal contact tracing whereby
6 a person maintains a record of the places that he/she had
7 been to and the people he/she had contact with: *Provided,*
8 That any individual who tested positive for COVID-19
9 through laboratory confirmation at the national reference
10 laboratory, sub-national reference laboratory, or a DOH
11 certified laboratory testing facility shall be automatically
12 treated and if necessary, isolated in a DOH quarantine and
13 isolation facility: *Provided, further,* That the Inter-Agency
14 Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious
15 Diseases (IATF-EID) shall identify and prioritize the areas
16 and business activities critically impacted and severely
17 affected by COVID-19 and with high probability of COVID-
18 19 transmission, and coordinate with the relevant Local
19 Government Units (LGUs) and government agencies for
20 the implementation of the COVID-19 surveillance protocol:

1 *Provided, finally*, That the DILG, in coordination with the
2 LGUs and other government agencies, shall distribute the
3 testing kits to DOH-accredited government hospitals that
4 can perform testing;

5 (b) Implementation of an expedited and streamlined
6 accreditation of Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing
7 kits and facilitation of prompt testing by public and
8 designated private institutions of suspected and probable
9 COVID-19 cases and those with no symptoms but with
10 relevant travel history, or may have been exposed due to
11 the nature of their work or due to their living conditions or
12 had contact with a confirmed, suspected or probable case,
13 and the compulsory and immediate isolation and
14 treatment of confirmed, suspected and probable COVID-19
15 patients: *Provided*, That the cost of testing and treatment
16 for COVID-19 patients shall be covered under the National
17 Health Insurance Program of the Philippine Health
18 Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth): *Provided, further*,
19 That in addition to testing, isolation and treatment of
20 these patients, the contacts of these patients shall also be

1 immediately and properly traced through the use of
2 efficient technology for data collection and analysis, and by
3 engaging contact tracers from the existing network of
4 barangay health workers, parent-leaders from the
5 Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), and members
6 of duly accredited Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) by
7 the respective national government agency;

8 (c) Adoption of a protocol on the conduct of PCR
9 testing for COVID-19. For this purpose, the IATF-EID, in
10 full cooperation with the DOH, the DILG, the Department
11 of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Department of
12 Trade and Industry (DTI), and the Bureau of Immigration
13 (BI), shall ensure the following:

14 (1) Adequate number of COVID-19 testing centers
15 that provide available, affordable and accessible testing to
16 the public, subject to reimbursement by PhilHealth under
17 existing guidelines: *Provided*, That people in
18 geographically isolated or highly populated and depressed
19 areas shall be provided the same level of access to COVID-
20 19 testing;

1 (2) Hiring of skilled medical technologists, molecular
2 biologists, and other skilled laboratory technicians to
3 conduct COVID-19 testing to achieve an ideal personnel-to-
4 laboratory ratio taking into consideration DOH targets. To
5 address the COVID-19 pandemic and in preparation for
6 future public health emergencies, biomedical research,
7 training, and programs for skilled medical technologists,
8 molecular biologists and other skilled laboratory
9 technicians shall be implemented starting with the
10 molecular laboratory infrastructure; and

11 (3) Procurement and distribution of supplies for
12 COVID-19 PCR testing based on, among others, the
13 current levels and projections of the following:

14 (i) number of patients and healthcare workers with
15 severe or critical symptoms and history of travel or
16 exposure; and

17 (ii) number of patients and healthcare workers with
18 mild symptoms, relevant history of travel or exposure, and
19 considered vulnerable: *Provided*, That LGUs may
20 implement their own procurement, distribution and

1 monitoring program consistent with the overall provisions
2 of this Act and the guidelines of the DOH.

3 (d) Delivery of uninterrupted immunization program
4 against vaccine preventable diseases especially on children
5 amidst the COVID-19 pandemic;

6 (e) Adoption by the DOH of a uniform and consistent
7 reporting standard in a language understandable by the
8 general public;

9 (f) Provision of an emergency subsidy to affected low
10 income households in areas under Enhanced Community
11 Quarantine (ECQ) and to households with recently
12 returned Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs): *Provided,*
13 That the subsidy shall be computed based on the
14 prevailing regional minimum wage rates: *Provided, further,*
15 That the subsidy received from the current conditional
16 cash transfer program and rice subsidy shall be taken into
17 consideration in the computation of the emergency subsidy
18 as provided for in this Act: *Provided, furthermore,* That the
19 vetting and validation of beneficiaries of the Social
20 Amelioration Program (SAP), and the related liquidation

1 report thereto shall be simplified to expedite the
2 distribution of the subsidy: *Provided, finally,* That a
3 definite list of beneficiaries of the SAP shall be submitted
4 to Congress;

5 (g) Provision of one (1) month emergency subsidy to
6 low income households who are qualified but were not
7 granted such subsidy as mandated under Section 4c of
8 Republic Act No. 11469;

9 (h) Provision of unemployment or involuntary
10 separation assistance for displaced workers or employees,
11 including probationary, project, seasonal, contractual and
12 casual employees in private health institutions, tourism,
13 culture and arts, creative industries, including, but not
14 limited to, film and audiovisual workers, construction,
15 public transportation, trade industries, and other sectors of
16 the economy as may be identified by the DOLE, in
17 coordination with the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR),
18 and Social Security System (SSS); freelancers, the self-
19 employed and repatriated OFWs, including OFWs whose
20 deployment were suspended due to a government-imposed

1 deployment ban: *Provided*, That any assistance given to
2 OFWs shall be separate and distinct from the benefits or
3 assistance, if any, they receive as members of the Overseas
4 Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA): *Provided*,
5 *further*, That any subsidy previously received under
6 Republic Act No. 11469 does not preclude the displaced
7 worker or employee, the freelancers, self-employed, and
8 repatriated OFWs from receiving the unemployment or
9 involuntary separation assistance provided herein:
10 *Provided, further*, That, members of the SSS who have
11 received the unemployment benefit under Section 14(b)
12 (unemployment, insurance, or involuntary separation
13 benefits) of Republic Act No. 11199, or the Social Security
14 Act of 2018, during the Covid-19 pandemic shall no longer
15 be eligible to avail of the benefits under this subsection:
16 *Provided, finally*, That the SSS shall take proactive steps
17 to ensure all qualified members be given unemployment
18 benefits under Republic Act No. 11199 (Social Security Act
19 of 2018);

1 (i) Access to livelihood assistance, skills and training
2 programs, loan assistance, and employment opportunities
3 for repatriated and returning OFWs to ensure proper
4 reintegration and the full utilization of their skills for
5 national development;

6 (j) Provision of a “COVID-19 special risk allowance”
7 for all public health workers on a monthly basis for every
8 month that they are serving in the duration of the COVID-
9 19 pandemic, in addition to the hazard pay granted under
10 the Magna Carta of Public Health Workers or Republic Act
11 No. 7305;

12 (k) Implementation of mandatory COVID-19 testing
13 of public and private health workers every fifteen (15) days
14 to ensure their protection;

15 (l) Assumption of all medical expenses of public and
16 private health workers in case of exposure to COVID-19 or
17 any work-related injury or disease during the duration of
18 the pandemic;

19 (m) Provision of compensation of One hundred
20 thousand pesos (P100,000.00) to public and private health

1 workers who have contracted or who may contract severe
2 COVID-19 infection while in the line of duty: *Provided*,
3 That a compensation of One million pesos (P1,000,000.00)
4 shall be given to public and private health workers, who
5 have died or may die while fighting the COVID-19
6 pandemic: *Provided, further*, That this shall have
7 retroactive application from February 1, 2020: *Provided*,
8 *furthermore*, That the compensation provided herein shall
9 be exempt from the applicable taxes under the National
10 Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended: *Provided*,
11 *finally*, That the compensation provided herein shall be
12 given to the beneficiaries not later than three (3) months
13 after the date of confinement or death;

14 (n) Provision of opportunity to Agrarian Reform
15 Beneficiaries to enhanced access to credit facilities after
16 the disruption of the food supply chain by the COVID-19
17 pandemic;

18 (o) The pertinent provisions of Republic Act No.
19 10931 otherwise known as the “Universal Access to Quality
20 Tertiary Education Act”, Republic Act No. 8545 otherwise

1 known as the “Expanded Government Assistance to
2 Students and Teachers in Private Education Act” or the “E-
3 GASTPE Act”, and Republic Act No. 10533 otherwise
4 known as the “Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013” or
5 the “K to 12 Law”, to the contrary notwithstanding,
6 provision of tuition subsidy to students who are currently
7 not receiving any assistance from government educational
8 subsidy or voucher programs but are now facing financial
9 difficulties brought about by work stoppage and closure of
10 establishments due to the Community Quarantine (CQ) as
11 follows:

12 (1) Qualified students in Private Tertiary Education
13 who are neither part of the *Listahanan* of the Department
14 of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) nor covered
15 under the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) as provided in
16 Republic Act No. 10931 shall receive a tuition subsidy:
17 *Provided*, That the geographic prioritization of areas where
18 there are no State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and
19 Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs) under Republic Act

1 No. 10931 shall be suspended to make qualified students
2 under this subsection eligible; and

3 (2) Qualified students in private elementary and
4 junior high school, and senior high school who are
5 currently not receiving assistance under the Education
6 Service Contracting (ESC) as provided in Republic Act No.
7 8545, or Senior High School Voucher Program (SHS VP) as
8 provided in Republic Act No. 10533, as may be applicable,
9 shall receive a tuition subsidy.

10 Education subsidies granted under this subsection
11 shall be released directly to the Private Tertiary Education
12 Institutions or Private Basic Education Schools,
13 respectively, for the purpose of applying the subsidy for
14 unpaid tuition in School Year (SY) 2019-2020 or for
15 payment of tuition fee for school year SY 2020-2021:
16 *Provided*, That the subsidy shall be released prior to the
17 opening of SY 2020-2021 or within a reasonable period
18 after school opening but in no case later than September
19 2020, in a manner similar to the Tertiary Education

1 Subsidy (TES), Educational Service Contracting (ESC),
2 and Senior High School Voucher Program (SHS VP).

3 (p) Provision of a one-time cash assistance to affected
4 teaching and non-teaching personnel, including part-time
5 faculty, in Private Basic Education Schools and Tertiary
6 Education Institutions and part-time faculty in SUCs due
7 to the deferred opening or reduced offering of classes
8 during the CQ;

9 (q) Ensure that all LGUs are acting within the letter
10 and spirit of all the rules, regulations and directives issued
11 by the National Government pursuant to this Act; and
12 implementing standards of CQ consistent with what the
13 National Government has laid down for the subject area,
14 while allowing LGUs to continue exercising their
15 autonomy in matters undefined by the National
16 Government or are within the parameters it has set; and
17 are fully cooperating towards a unified, cohesive and
18 orderly implementation of the national policy to address
19 COVID-19: *Provided*, That all LGUs shall be authorized to
20 utilize more than five percent (5%) of the amount allocated

1 for their calamity fund subject to additional funding and
2 support from the National Government;

3 (r) Enforcement of measures to protect the people
4 from hoarding, profiteering, injurious speculations,
5 manipulation of prices, product deceptions, and cartels,
6 monopolies or other combinations in restraint of trade, or
7 other pernicious practices affecting the supply, distribution
8 and movement of food, clothing, hygiene and sanitation
9 products, medicine and medical supplies, fuel, fertilizers,
10 chemicals, building materials, implements, machinery
11 equipment and spare parts required in agriculture,
12 industry and other essential services, and other articles of
13 prime necessity, whether imported or locally produced or
14 manufactured;

15 (s) Ensure that donation, acceptance and distribution
16 of health products intended to address the COVID-19
17 pandemic are not unnecessarily delayed and that health
18 products for donation duly certified by the regulatory
19 agency or their accredited third party from countries with
20 established regulation shall automatically be cleared:

1 *Provided*, That this shall not apply to health products
2 which do not require a certification or clearance from the
3 Food and Drug Administration (FDA);

4 (t) Procurement of the following as the need arises, in
5 the most judicious, economical and expeditious manner, as
6 exemptions from the provisions on bidding process
7 required under Republic Act No. 9184 or the “Government
8 Procurement Reform Act” and other relevant laws:

9 *Provided*, That the following information and documents
10 related to the procurement shall be published in the
11 Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) online
12 portal, the website of the procuring entity concerned, if
13 available, and at any conspicuous place reserved for this
14 purpose in the premises of the procuring entity within
15 seven (7) working days from the date of acceptance of the
16 award:

17 (i) Project name;

18 (ii) Approved budget for contract;

19 (iii) Contract period;

1 (iv) Name of winning supplier, distributor,
2 manufacturer, contractor or consultant;

3 (v) Amount of contract as awarded;

4 (vi) Notice of award;

5 (vii) Date of award and acceptance;

6 (viii) Contract or purchase order; and

7 (ix) A certification stating that the procuring entity
8 exerted all efforts to secure the most advantageous price to
9 the government based on existing price data of the agency,
10 the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) or other
11 relevant agencies or preliminary market scanning done by
12 the agency showing prevailing market prices and practice.

13 (1) Goods, which may include personal protective
14 equipment such as gloves, gowns, masks, goggles, face
15 shields; surgical equipment and supplies; laboratory
16 equipment and its reagents; medical equipment and
17 devices; support and maintenance for laboratory and
18 medical equipment, surgical equipment and supplies;
19 medical supplies, tools, and consumables such as alcohol,
20 sanitizers, tissue, thermometers, hand soap, detergent,

1 sodium hydrochloride, cleaning materials, povidone iodine,
2 common medicines (e.g., paracetamol tablet and
3 suspension, mefenamic acid, vitamins tablet and
4 suspension, hyoscine tablet and suspension, oral
5 rehydration solution, and cetirizine tablet and suspension);
6 testing kits, and such other supplies or equipment as may
7 be determined by the DOH and other relevant government
8 agencies: *Provided*, That the DOH shall prioritize the
9 allocation and distribution of the aforesaid goods, supplies
10 and other resources to the following:

11 (i) Public health facilities in the regions, provinces, or
12 cities, that are designated as COVID-19 referral hospitals,
13 such as, but not limited to, Philippine General Hospital
14 (PGH), Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP), and Dr. Jose
15 N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital;

16 (ii) Private hospitals which have existing capacities to
17 provide support care and treatment to COVID-19 patients;
18 and

19 (iii) Public and private laboratories that have existing
20 capacities to test suspected COVID-19 patients.

1 (2) Goods and services for social amelioration
2 measures in favor of affected communities;

3 (3) Lease of real property or venue for use to house
4 health workers or serve as quarantine centers, medical
5 relief and aid distribution locations, or temporary medical
6 facilities;

7 (4) Establishment, construction, and operation of
8 temporary medical facilities;

9 (5) Utilities, telecommunications, and other critical
10 services in relation to operation of quarantine centers,
11 medical relief and aid distribution centers and temporary
12 medical facilities; and

13 (6) Ancillary services related to the foregoing.

14 *Provided*, That to ensure adequate and responsive
15 supply of critical medical products, the government shall
16 promote and encourage the local manufacturer of such
17 products, and whenever locally available, procure from
18 manufacturers and suppliers in the Philippines. For this
19 purpose, the DTI shall issue a certification that the
20 products, materials, or supplies are produced, made or

1 manufactured in the Philippines: *Provided, further,* That
2 other qualification and documentary requirements for local
3 manufacturers and suppliers shall be prioritized and
4 expedited by the DOH, FDA and other concerned
5 departments and agencies.

6 (u) Partner with the Philippine Red Cross, as the
7 primary humanitarian agency that is auxiliary to the
8 government in giving aid to the people, subject to
9 reimbursement, in the distribution of goods and services
10 incidental in the fight against COVID-19;

11 (v) Engage temporary Human Resources for Health
12 (HRH) such as medical and allied medical staff to
13 complement or supplement the current health workforce or
14 to man the temporary medical facilities to be established in
15 accordance with Section 3(t)(4) of this Act: *Provided, That*
16 HRH to be hired on temporary basis shall receive the
17 appropriate compensation and allowances: *Provided,*
18 *further,* That all HRH serving in the front line during the
19 state of calamity due to COVID-19, shall receive an actual
20 hazard duty pay from the government: *Provided, finally,*

1 That DOH, the DOLE and its attached agencies shall
2 closely coordinate to ensure that returning OFW-health
3 care workers, or those whose deployments were suspended
4 due to COVID-19, shall be properly referred to the ongoing
5 hiring of temporary HRH by DOH;

6 (w) Ensure the availability of credit to the productive
7 sectors of the economy especially in the countryside
8 through measures such as, but not limited to, lowering the
9 effective lending rates of interest and reserve requirements
10 of lending institutions: *Provided*, That credit
11 accommodation to the Micro, Small and Medium
12 Enterprises (MSMEs), as well as those who are self-
13 employed, shall be imposed a low interest, payable within
14 three (3) years and shall not require any collateral if the
15 loan does not exceed Three million pesos (P3,000,000.00);

16 (x) Development of a loan program of appropriate
17 Government Financial Institutions (GFIs) for institutions
18 of learning that have been affected by the decrease in
19 enrollment due to the CQ or to enable these institutions to
20 adequately prepare to implement blended learning:

1 *Provided*, That the terms of the loan shall be more
2 reasonable than the prevailing market terms: *Provided*,
3 *further*, That the availment of such loan shall be
4 conditioned on the non-implementation of an increase in
5 tuition and other fees for the next school or academic year;

6 (y) Direct the Small Business Corporation (SBC) to
7 expand its existing loan programs for MSMEs through a
8 combination of increasing available loanable funds,
9 reducing documentary requirements, increasing maximum
10 loan amounts per borrower, reducing interest rates,
11 extending loan terms, utilization of financial technologies
12 to expand reach and increase access and set fast turn-
13 around loan processing time; and allow the use of the loan
14 proceeds for payroll costs, materials and suppliers,
15 mortgage payments, rent, utilities, including fuel and
16 storage, creation of new supportive businesses, re-
17 purposing of existing business capital, any other business
18 debt obligations that were incurred before the covered
19 period or acquisition of new technologies and systems to
20 adjust business processes for resiliency;

1 (z) Direct the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and
2 the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) to
3 introduce a low interest loan program available to non-
4 essential businesses to assist and encourage them to
5 continue investing in their businesses: *Provided*, That
6 priority shall be given to agri-fishery businesses and non-
7 essential businesses that are small and medium
8 enterprises, including start-ups;

9 (aa) Direct the Philippine Guarantee Corporation
10 (PhilGuarantee) to issue an expanded government
11 guarantee program for non-essential businesses, to ease
12 current rules and regulations and give preference to
13 critically impacted businesses, MSMEs, and activities that
14 support DOH initiatives towards ensuring an adequate
15 and responsive supply of health care services, and to
16 guarantee the loan portfolio of partner financial
17 institutions of eligible MSME loans;

18 (bb) Liberalization of the grant of incentives for the
19 manufacture or importation of critical or needed
20 equipment or supplies or essential goods for the carrying-

1 out of the policy declared herein, including healthcare
2 equipment and supplies: *Provided*, That importation
3 and/or local sale of these equipment and supplies shall be
4 exempt from import duties, taxes and other fees. For this
5 purpose, critical products, equipment or supplies or
6 essential goods shall include the following: (1) goods
7 referred to in Section 3(t)(1) hereof; (2) equipment for
8 waste management, including, but not limited to, waste
9 segregation, storage, collection, sorting, treatment and
10 disposal services: *Provided*, That these said equipment and
11 technologies and services are approved by the Department
12 of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), DOH or
13 other concerned regulatory agencies; (3) inputs, raw
14 materials and equipment necessary for the manufacture or
15 production of food and essential goods referred to in
16 Section 3(t)(1) hereof;

17 (cc) Ensure the availability of essential goods, in
18 particular, food and medicine, by adopting measures as
19 may reasonably be necessary to facilitate and/or minimize
20 disruption to the supply chain and/or improve the national

1 end-to-end supply chain, including measures to reduce
2 logistics costs and regulate and waive, as necessary, extra
3 shipping charges imposed by international shipping lines,
4 especially for basic commodities and services to the
5 maximum extent possible;

6 (dd) Requiring businesses to prioritize and accept
7 contracts, subject to fair and reasonable terms, for
8 materials and services necessary to promote the herein
9 declared national policy;

10 (ee) Provision of extension support, financial
11 subsidies or other forms of assistance to qualified agri-
12 fishery enterprises, farmers, fisherfolk, and other
13 agricultural workers by the Department of Agriculture
14 (DA);

15 (ff) Direct the Department of Transportation (DOTr)
16 and such other agencies or instrumentalities that may be
17 authorized under this Act and its implementing rules and
18 regulations (IRR), to extend the following assistance to
19 critically impacted businesses in the transportation
20 industry:

1 (1) Grant emergency credit lines for purposes of
2 funding operations through government financial
3 institutions (GFIs);

4 (2) Grant concessional interest rate on loan or long-
5 term credit facility through GFIs to allow the restructuring
6 of existing debts and assist in rehabilitation;

7 (3) Provide credit guarantee schemes to guarantee
8 bank loans and credit lines;

9 (4) Provide grants for applicable regulatory fees;

10 (5) Allow substitution of refund option to travel
11 vouchers;

12 (6) Provide grants for fuel subsidy and/or digital fare
13 vouchers, as may be necessary; and

14 (7) Provide grants for training, equipment, facilities,
15 test kits and necessary personnel, on coping with increased
16 health risks arising from infectious diseases.

17 Within fifteen (15) days from the effectivity of this
18 Act, the DOTr or any of its instrumentalities shall
19 prescribe the eligibility requirements and other terms and

1 conditions for any of the above-mentioned assistance,
2 subject to the guidelines issued under this section.

3 For purposes of items (a) (b) and (c) herein, the DOTr
4 or any of its instrumentalities shall utilize the loan and/or
5 loan guarantee programs and other loan related measures
6 provided under this Act, subject to the rules, regulations
7 and guidelines issued under the corresponding
8 intervention, including proper credit assessment of the
9 borrower by the LBP and DBP which will administer the
10 credit facilities or loan guarantees under this Act: *Provided*,
11 That a reasonable and proper business plan shall be
12 submitted by the borrower: *Provided, further*, That, loan
13 interventions implemented under this section shall be
14 exclusively for critically impacted business in the
15 transportation industry only.

16 For purposes of item (d) herein, the grants may
17 include reductions in (i) rates through the removal of
18 value-added tax (VAT) and local taxes as may be applicable,
19 and (ii) fees and charges imposed by any regulatory agency
20 and LGU. Such grants shall be payable, respectively, to the

1 BIR, the relevant regulatory agencies and LGUs: *Provided*,
2 That, the grant shall be chargeable against the fund
3 created for the purpose of implementing this section:
4 *Provided, further*, That any critically impacted business
5 may avail of the grant for a period of not more than six (6)
6 months.

7 Availment of any economic relief such as wage
8 subsidy, loan, and loan guarantees and other relief under
9 the other provisions of this Act, does not disqualify such
10 critically impacted businesses belonging to the
11 transportation industry from availing the economic relief
12 provided under this section.

13 The DOTr shall prioritize business entities that shall
14 require assistance for any activity that supports the *Balik*
15 *Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa* Program under Executive
16 Order (E.O.) No. 114 series of 2020;

17 (gg) Direct the Department of Tourism (DOT) to
18 assist critically impacted businesses that are tourism
19 enterprises, including tourism oriented barangay micro
20 business enterprises, or other members of the informal

1 sector in the tourism economy in any of the following
2 programs:

3 (1) Low interest loans or issuance of loan guarantees
4 through GFIs with terms of up to five (5) years for
5 maintenance and operating expenses;

6 (2) Credit facilities through GFIs for upgrading,
7 rehabilitation, or modernization of current establishments
8 or facilities to be compliant with new health and safety
9 standards;

10 (3) Marketing and product development, promotions
11 and programs, including travel advertising and festival-
12 support strategies;

13 (4) Grants for education, training, and advising of
14 tourism stakeholder for the new normal alternative
15 livelihood programs;

16 (5) Utilization of information technology for the
17 improvement of tourism services, development of a tourist
18 tracking system for emergency response, and
19 establishment of spatial database to improve planning
20 capacity;

1 (6) In partnership with the LGU and DOH and/or
2 private entities, establish COVID-19 testing centers in
3 tourist destinations as identified by the DOT, to stimulate
4 tourism and generate employment; and

5 (7) Any other relevant programs, including
6 infrastructure, product-sourcing, and subsidized domestic
7 package tours necessary to mitigate the economic effects of
8 COVID-19 on the tourism industry.

9 For purposes of items (1) and (2) herein, government
10 financial institutions such as the LBP and DBP shall
11 administer the loans for DOT but subject to guidelines
12 from the DOT that shall be prepared for these purposes:
13 *Provided*, That the loan interventions implemented under
14 this section shall be exclusively for accredited tourism
15 enterprises, including such small-scale tourism-oriented
16 enterprises accredited by LGUs, under Republic Act No.
17 9178 or the “Barangay Micro Business Enterprises Act of
18 2002”.

19 Availment of grants, loans or loan guarantees
20 through other provisions of this Act is not a

1 disqualification for any tourism enterprise to avail of any
2 economic relief measures in this section.

3 The DOT shall prioritize establishments that (1)
4 support the *Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa* Program
5 under E.O. No. 114, series of 2020, and (2) comply with the
6 guidelines of the DOH towards ensuring an adequate and
7 responsive supply of health care services.

8 (hh) Undertaking measures in partnership with
9 appropriate internet and communication service providers
10 in the acceleration of the deployment of critical
11 Information and Communications Technology (ICT)
12 infrastructure particularly additional cell towers,
13 equipment, software, and wireless technologies throughout
14 the country to address the need for digital connectivity,
15 internet speed and stability, and Cybersecurity in E-
16 Commerce, E-Government, online learning, and
17 telecommuting in order to sufficiently meet the significant
18 additional shift of the general public to online services and
19 platforms and to home and mobile communication units for
20 doing work from home, for completing commercial and

1 other transactions, for convening meetings and conducting
2 conferences and seminars/webinars, and for obtaining
3 educational instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic
4 through the Department of Information and
5 Communications Technology (DICT);

6 (ii) Directing the DTI in coordination with other
7 implementing agencies, to accelerate and undertake
8 massive promotion of online commerce and offer technical
9 and financial assistance through GFIs to those engaged in
10 E-Commerce, such as those involved in internet retail,
11 digital financial services, digital media, and ride-hailing.
12 These include programs that will expedite the
13 digitalization of MSMEs through training subsidies for
14 onboarding or starter kits, wage support for new online
15 enterprises, upskilling/reskilling and other activities as
16 may be defined by the DTI, DICT, Technical Education and
17 Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and Commission
18 on Higher Education (CHED);

19 (jj) Regulation and limitation of the operation of all
20 sectors of transportation through land, sea or air, whether

1 private or public and provide the necessary infrastructure
2 and support, including emergency pathways, LGU bicycle
3 sharing scheme with proper safety equipment and pop-up
4 bike lanes, for commuters, particularly health workers and
5 other frontliners;

6 (kk) Regulation of traffic on all roads, streets, and
7 bridges, and access thereto; prohibit putting up of
8 encroachments or obstacles; authorize the removal of
9 encroachments and illegal constructions in public places;
10 and perform all other related acts;

11 (ll) Authorization of alternative working
12 arrangements for employees and workers in the Executive
13 Branch, and whenever it becomes necessary, in other
14 independent branches of government and constitutional
15 bodies, and the private sector;

16 (mm) Conservation and regulation of the distribution
17 and use of power, fuel, energy and water, and ensure
18 adequate supply of the same;

19 (nn) Implementation of the proper management and
20 segregation of waste, especially of hazardous materials

1 coming from health facilities, in the communities and
2 households in order to contain the COVID-19 virus and
3 other diseases;

4 (oo) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, to
5 direct the discontinuance of appropriated programs,
6 projects or activities (P/A/P) of any agency of the Executive
7 Department, including GOCCs, in the FYs 2019 and 2020
8 General Appropriations Act (GAA), whether released or
9 unreleased, the allotments for which remain unobligated,
10 and utilize the savings generated therefrom to augment
11 the allocation for any item directly related to support
12 operations and response measures, which are necessary or
13 beneficial in order to address the COVID-19 pandemic,
14 consistent with the herein declared national policy:
15 *Provided, however,* That the following items in the budget
16 shall be prioritized for augmentation:

17 (1) Under the DOH – operational budgets of
18 government hospitals, primarily those identified for
19 treatment of COVID-19; prevention and control of other

1 infectious diseases; emergency preparedness and response;
2 and Quick Response Fund (QRF);

3 (2) Under the University of the Philippines – the
4 operational budget of the PGH;

5 (3) The National Disaster Risk Reduction and
6 Management Fund or calamity fund;

7 (4) Programs of the DOLE, such as, but not limited to,
8 Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced
9 Workers (TUPAD), COVID-19 Adjustment Measures
10 Program (CAMP) and the DOLE Abot-Kamay Ang
11 Pagtulong (AKAP) for OFWs: *Provided*, That in giving
12 assistance under these programs, priority shall be given to
13 those workers who have not been granted assistance under
14 any of the programs of the government for workers;

15 (5) Under the DTI – Livelihood Seeding Program and
16 Negosyo Serbisyo sa Barangay;

17 (6) Under the DA – Rice Farmers Financial
18 Assistance Program;

19 (7) Under the Department of Education (DepEd) –
20 School-Based Feeding Program;

1 (8) Under various DSWD programs, such as, but not
2 limited to, Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations
3 (AICS), distribution of food and non-food items, livelihood
4 assistance grants, and supplemental feeding program for
5 daycare children;

6 (9) Under Allocations to Local Government Units;

7 (10) QRF lodged in the various relevant departments,
8 such as, but not limited to, the DOH and DSWD.

9 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, the
10 discontinued program, activity or project may be revived at
11 any time after the COVID-19 pandemic has ceased, and
12 notwithstanding Section 67 of Republic Act No. 11465 or
13 the “General Appropriations Act of 2020”, may be revived
14 and proposed for funding within the next two (2) fiscal
15 years;

16 (pp) Any unutilized or unreleased balance in a special
17 fund, as of March 2020 declaring a public health crisis of
18 national concern, shall be considered to have their purpose
19 abandoned for the duration of the health crisis. All such
20 unspent, unutilized or unreleased money or funds sourced

1 from collections or receipts, including future collections
2 and receipts, shall be utilized and are hereby appropriated
3 for such measures to address the COVID-19 situation and
4 accomplish the declared national policy herein;

5 (qq) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, to
6 reprogram, reallocate, and realign from savings on other
7 items of appropriations in the FY 2020 GAA in the
8 Executive Department, as may be necessary and beneficial
9 to fund measures that address and respond to the COVID-
10 19 pandemic, including social amelioration for affected
11 communities and the recovery of areas, sectors and
12 industries severely affected. All amounts so reprogrammed,
13 reallocated or realigned shall be deemed automatically
14 appropriated for such measures to address the COVID-19
15 situation within the period specified under Section 10
16 hereof;

17 (rr) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
18 President is hereby authorized to allocate cash, funds,
19 investments, including unutilized or unreleased subsidies
20 and transfers, held by any GOCC or any national

1 government agency in order to address the COVID-19
2 pandemic;

3 (ss) Moving of statutory deadlines and timelines for
4 the filing and submission of any document, the payment of
5 taxes, fees, and other charges required by law, and the
6 grant of any benefit, in order to ease the burden on
7 individuals under CQ;

8 (tt) Directing all banks, quasi-banks, financing
9 companies, lending companies, real estate developers,
10 insurance companies providing life insurance policies, pre-
11 need companies, entities providing in-house financing for
12 goods and properties purchased, and other financial
13 institutions, public and private, including the GSIS, the
14 SSS and Pag-ibig Fund, to implement a minimum of a
15 thirty (30)-day grace period for the payment of all loans,
16 including, but not limited to, salary, personal, housing,
17 commercial, and motor vehicle loans, amortizations and
18 premium payments, as well as credit card payments,
19 falling due within the period of the ECQ or Modified
20 Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) in cities,

1 provinces, or regions declared by the proper authorities
2 without incurring interest on interests, penalties, fees, or
3 other charges and thereby extending the maturity of the
4 said loans to a period equal to the period of CQ: *Provided*,
5 That unpaid credit card bills shall be settled on staggered
6 basis without interest on interests, penalties and other
7 charges until December 31, 2020.

8 *Provided, further*, That businesses not allowed to
9 operate during the CQ shall likewise enjoy the benefits of
10 the 30-day grace period.

11 *Provided, finally*, That the banks and other NBFIs
12 that agree to further loan term extensions or restructuring
13 pursuant to this section shall be entitled to regulatory
14 relief, as may be determined by the BSP, which may
15 include, but is not limited to, (i) Staggered booking of
16 allowances for credit losses, (ii) Exemption from loan-loss
17 provisioning, (iii) Exemption from the limits on real estate
18 loans, when applicable, and (iv) Non-inclusion in the
19 bank's or NBFI's reporting on non-performing loans.

1 It is understood that this provision shall not apply to
2 interbank loan and bank borrowings.

3 (uu) Direct all institutions providing electric, water,
4 telecommunications, and other similar utilities to
5 implement a minimum of thirty (30)-day grace period for
6 the payment of utilities falling due within the period of
7 ECQ or MECQ without incurring interests, penalties, and
8 other charges: *Provided*, That after the grace period,
9 unpaid residential and MSME utility bills may be settled
10 on a staggered basis payable in not less than three (3)
11 monthly installments, subject to the procedural
12 requirements of the concerned regulatory agencies in the
13 imposition of such installment plan without interests,
14 penalties, and other charges: *Provided, further*, That
15 covered institutions under this sub-section may offer less
16 onerous payment terms, with the consent of their clients
17 subject to the approval of their respective regulators:
18 *Provided, finally*, That in the case of the electric power
19 sector, the minimum thirty (30) day-grace period and
20 staggered payment without interests, penalties and other

1 charges shall apply to all payments due within the period
2 of the ECQ or MECQ in the entire electric power value
3 chain to include generation companies, the transmission
4 utility, and distribution utilities;

5 (vv) Provide for a minimum of thirty (30)-day grace
6 period on residential rents and commercial rents of lessees
7 not permitted to work, and MSMEs ordered to temporarily
8 cease operations, falling due within the period of the CQ,
9 without incurring interests, penalties, fees, and other
10 charges: *Provided*, That all amounts due within the period
11 of CQ shall be amortized in equal monthly installments
12 until December 31, 2020 without any interests, penalties
13 and other charges: *Provided, further*, That no increase in
14 rent shall be imposed during the same period: *Provided*,
15 *furthermore*, That the minimum thirty (30)-day grace
16 period shall be reckoned from the date of the lifting of the
17 ECQ or MECQ;

18 (ww) Implementation of an expanded and enhanced
19 Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), responsive to
20 the needs posed by the crisis, and provision of an

1 assistance program, whether in cash or non-cash,
2 whichever is more practicable, where the Secretary of the
3 DSWD, or the Secretary of the DOLE, when relevant, shall
4 transfer cash, cash vouchers, or goods through the LGUs or
5 directly to households who have no incomes or savings to
6 draw from, including households working in the informal
7 economy and those who are not currently recipients of the
8 current 4Ps, of an amount adequate to restore capacity to
9 purchase basic food and other essential items after the
10 duration of the quarantine. To carry out this subsection,
11 the Secretary of the DSWD and the Secretary of the DOLE
12 may approve the temporary emergency standards of
13 eligibility and level of benefits;

14 (xx) Lifting of the thirty percent (30%) cap on the
15 amount appropriated for the QRF, as provided for in
16 Republic Act No. 10121 or the “Philippine Disaster Risk
17 Reduction and Management Act of 2010”, during the
18 existence of the COVID-19 pandemic;

19 (yy) Provision of assistance to the agriculture
20 industry by creating the “Plant, Plant, Plant Program”

1 which shall be composed of the following: (1) Ahon Lahat,
2 Pagkaing Sapat (ALPAS) kontra sa COVID-19; (2) food
3 markets – food logistics and other interventions; (3) Urban
4 agriculture program of the DA; and (4) Cash for work
5 program in agriculture;

6 (zz) Implementation of a program which would: (1)
7 fast track the approval of all pending and new applications
8 for housing loans, permits and licenses by simplifying the
9 requirements and procedure; and (2) accommodate and
10 prioritize critically impacted home buyers who may want
11 to shift from private bank financing to PAG-IBIG home
12 financing with simplified requirements through the
13 Department of Human Settlements and Urban
14 Development (DHSUD) program and its key shelter
15 agencies;

16 (aaa) Encouraging the BSP to allow private banks
17 and financial institutions to: (1) reallocate any unutilized
18 loanable funds to housing loans; and (2) to grant subsidy to
19 the home loan borrowers at the rate equivalent to the gross

1 receipt tax imposed on banks and financial institutions on
2 their interest income;

3 (bbb) Issuance of a directive that all government
4 agencies and LGUs shall act on all pending and new
5 applications for permit, license, certificate, clearance,
6 authorization and resolutions within a non-extendable
7 period of five (5) working days, in order to support business
8 continuity and encourage resumption of all economic
9 activities: *Provided*, That the applicant shall be allowed to
10 undertake its compliance to any additional requirement
11 that may be imposed by the government agency or LGU,
12 and such will not delay the approval of the application;

13 (ccc) Production of a masterlist of all displaced and
14 critically-impacted transport workers under the road, rail,
15 air and maritime sectors to effectively implement the
16 distribution of wage subsidies and cash-for-work program,
17 as provided for in Sections 3 and 4 of this Act, through the
18 DOTr:

19 *Provided, however*, That the DOTr is directed to
20 coordinate the accelerated distribution of remaining

1 subsidy under the Social Amelioration Program of
2 Bayanihan I to driver beneficiaries so as not to coincide
3 and confuse with the subsidy provided in this Act:

4 *Provided, further,* That the DOTr is likewise tasked
5 to work with financial institutions in looking at the
6 possible restructuring of existing loans without penalty
7 and the provision of credit lines and low interest loans to
8 help critically-impacted transport service providers:

9 *Provided, furthermore,* That the DOTr is also directed
10 to coordinate with transport service providers and LGUs to
11 negotiate service contracting of public utility vehicles as a
12 form of temporary livelihood to workers displaced by
13 restrictions and reduced capacity of public transportation,
14 and other forms of arrangement to ensure that livelihood
15 in the transport sector is preserved:

16 *Provided, finally,* That there shall be no phaseout, at
17 the national and local level, of any modality of public
18 utility vehicle as the industry transitions to a new normal.

19 (ddd) Provision of access to free, healthy meals to
20 undernourished children as mandated by Republic Act No.

1 11037 regardless of modality of learning through the
2 DepEd;

3 (eee) Providing regulatory relief to the critically-
4 impacted creative sector by tasking the DTI and the DILG
5 to review the imposition of the amusement tax. The
6 President of the Philippines shall have the power to
7 suspend, reduce or waive the imposition of the fees and
8 charges as recommended by the DTI and DILG for a period
9 of six (6) months;

10 (fff) Provision of loan assistance, subsidies, discounts
11 or grants to schools, universities, colleges, technical
12 vocational institutions, teachers, faculties, and students for
13 the purchase of distance learning tools, such as computers,
14 laptops, tablets and other ICT devices and equipment
15 necessary to conduct and access classes and learning
16 materials under alternative delivery modes of teaching and
17 learning in the new normal through the DepEd, the CHED
18 and the TESDA, in partnership with GFIs: *Provided*, That
19 the loan shall have terms that are more reasonable than
20 those prevailing in the market;

1 (ggg) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 272
2 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the “Local Government Code of
3 1991”, a portion of the Special Education Fund shall be
4 used for the purchase of materials and supplies under
5 DepEd’s learning continuity plan, provision of safe schools
6 infrastructure, equipment and facilities such as
7 handwashing stations, soap, alcohol, sanitizers, and other
8 disinfecting solutions, as well as medical health supplies
9 deemed appropriate by public health officials such as
10 thermometers, face masks, and face shields, subject to
11 existing accounting and auditing rules;

12 (hhh) Extension of the term of standby loans entered
13 into by LGUs;

14 (iii) Directing the Department of Public Works and
15 Highways (DPWH) to expedite the implementation of
16 Infrastructure Programs and Projects to generate local
17 employment and stimulate the local economy;

18 (jjj) Allowing National and Local Government
19 Agencies to directly purchase agricultural and fishery
20 products from farmers and fisherfolk as a form of direct

1 assistance even beyond the lapse of Republic Act No. 11469,
2 or the “Bayanihan To Heal As One Act,” in accordance with
3 Republic Act No. 11321, or the “Sagip Saka Act; and

4 (kkk) Utilize the funding as provided in Section 4 of
5 this Act.

6 SEC. 4. *Funding.* – In addition to the funds that will
7 be raised under Section 3 (oo), (pp), (qq) and (rr) of this Act,
8 a One hundred forty billion pesos (P140,000,000,000.00)
9 standby fund is hereby appropriated and shall be used to
10 support operations and response measures to address the
11 COVID-19 pandemic and the following:

12 (a) Ten billion pesos (P10,000,000,000.00) for the
13 procurement of PCR Testing and extraction kits, supplies,
14 materials, and reagents to be used for the conduct of
15 COVID-19 testing and for the enhancement of capacities of
16 the DOH in the provision of healthcare services and the
17 implementation of programs and projects to eliminate,
18 prevent and control diseases other than COVID-19;

19 (b) Fifteen billion pesos (P15,000,000,000.00) for the
20 implementation of cash-for-work program and the TUPAD,

1 such as, but not limited to, temporary hiring of data
2 encoders, and other personnel as may be necessary in the
3 response to the COVID-19 pandemic and for emergency
4 subsidy to worker in critically-impacted sectors and
5 industries;

6 (c) Seventeen billion pesos (P17,000,000,000.00) for
7 the unemployment or involuntary separation assistance for
8 displaced workers or employees, such as those in private
9 health institutions, private basic and higher education
10 institutions and part-time faculty in State Universities and
11 Colleges (SUCs), tourism, culture and arts, creative
12 industry including, but not limited to, film and audiovisual
13 workers, construction, public transportation and trade
14 industries, and other sectors of the economy as may be
15 identified by the DOLE, in coordination with the BIR, and
16 SSS; freelancers, the self-employed and repatriated OFWs
17 including OFWs whose deployment were suspended due to
18 a government-imposed deployment ban;

19 (d) Fifty billion pesos (P50,000,000,000.00) for the
20 infusion of capital to GFIs to be allocated as follows:

1 (1) Five billion pesos (P5,000,000,000.00) for the
2 credit guarantee program of the Philippine Guarantee
3 Corporation;

4 (2) Thirty billion pesos (P30,000,000,000.00) to
5 support wholesale banking and equity infusion of the Land
6 Bank of the Philippines for low interest loans to be
7 extended to persons and entities engaged in industries
8 affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not
9 limited to air, land and sea transportation, retail trade,
10 accommodation and tourism services and MSMEs; and

11 (3) Fifteen billion pesos (P15,000,000,000.00) to
12 support wholesale banking and equity infusion of the
13 Development Bank of the Philippines for low interest loans
14 to be extended to persons and entities engaged in
15 industries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including,
16 but not limited to air, land and sea transportation, retail
17 trade, accommodation and tourism services and MSMEs;

18 (e) Seventeen billion pesos (P17,000,000,000.00) to
19 provide direct cash subsidy, interest-free loans under the
20 Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC) and government

1 financial institutions, and other forms of assistance to
2 qualified agri-fishery enterprises and farmers and
3 fisherfolk registered under the Registry System for Basic
4 Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) and to finance the Plant,
5 Plant, Plant Program to ensure food security and
6 continuous productivity in the agricultural sector;

7 (f) Seventeen billion pesos (P17,000,000,000.00) to
8 finance the programs of the DOTr to assist the critically
9 impacted businesses in the transportation industry,
10 including the provision of interest rate subsidies, provision
11 of temporary livelihood to displaced workers in the
12 industry through service contracting of public utility
13 vehicles, as provided in this Act, and for the development
14 of accessible sidewalks and protected bicycle lanes,
15 procurement of bicycles and related safety equipment for
16 bicycle distribution, sharing and lending programs, and
17 procurement of bicycle racks;

18 (g) Ten billion pesos (P10,000,000,000.00) to finance
19 the programs of the DOT to assist the critically impacted

1 businesses in the tourism industry, including the provision
2 of interest rate subsidies;

3 (h) Three billion pesos (P3,000,000,000.00) to assist
4 SUCs in the development of smart campuses through
5 investments in ICT infrastructure, acquisition of learning
6 management systems and other appropriate equipment to
7 fully implement the flexible learning modality; and

8 (i) One billion pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) as additional
9 scholarship funds of TESDA under its training for work
10 scholarship program and special training for employment
11 program or (STEP) for the retooling, retraining, and
12 upskilling of displaced workers including returning OFWs,
13 as well as provision of tool kits under the STEP.

14 *Provided,* That the Department of Budget and
15 Management (DBM) shall submit reports on the releases
16 made pursuant to this section as part of the weekly report
17 as mandated in Section 6 of this Act.

18 SEC. 5. *Sources of Funding.* – The enumerated
19 subsidy and stimulus measures, as well as all other

1 measures to address the COVID-19 pandemic shall be
2 funded from the following:

3 (a) 2020 General Appropriations Act (GAA): *Provided,*
4 That funds for the herein authorized programs and
5 projects shall be sourced primarily from the
6 unprogrammed funds and savings realized from modified,
7 realigned, or reprogrammed allocations for operational
8 expense of any government agency or instrumentality
9 under the Executive Department, including, but not
10 limited to, travelling expenses, supplies and materials
11 expenses, professional services, general services,
12 advertising expenses, printing and publication expenses,
13 and other maintenance and operating expenses in the 2020
14 GAA;

15 (b) Savings pooled pursuant to Republic Act No.
16 11469 or the “Bayanihan to Heal as One Act” and Section 3
17 paragraphs (oo), (pp), (qq), and (rr) of this Act;

18 (c) Excess revenue collections in any one of the
19 identified tax or non-tax revenue sources from its
20 corresponding revenue collection target, as provided in the

1 FY 2020 Budget of Expenditures and Sources of Financing
2 (BESF);

3 (d) New revenue collections or those arising from new
4 tax or non-tax sources which are not part of nor included in
5 the original sources included in the FY 2020 BESF;

6 (e) Proceeds from loans and other foreign borrowings;

7 (f) All amounts derived from the cash, funds, and
8 investments held by any GOCC or any national
9 government agency;

10 (g) Amounts derived from the five percent (5%)
11 franchise tax on all gaming receipts/earnings or the agreed
12 pre-determined minimum monthly revenues from gaming
13 operations, whichever is higher, earned by offshore gaming
14 licensees, including gaming operators, gaming agent,
15 service providers and gaming support providers; and

16 (h) Income tax, VAT, and other applicable taxes on
17 income from non-gaming operations earned by offshore
18 gaming licensees, operators, agents, service providers and
19 support providers.

1 After two (2) years or upon a determination that the
2 threat of COVID-19 has been successfully contained or
3 abated, whichever comes first, the revenues derived under
4 paragraphs (g) and (h) shall accrue to the General Fund of
5 the Government. The BIR shall implement closure orders
6 against offshore gaming licensees, operators, agents,
7 service providers and support providers who fail to pay the
8 taxes due, and such entities shall cease to operate.

9 SEC. 6. *Reports to Congress and Creation of an*
10 *Oversight Committee.* – The President, during Monday of
11 every week, shall submit a weekly report to Congress of all
12 acts performed pursuant to this Act during the
13 immediately preceding week including a report on the
14 targets and actual accomplishments of government
15 programs, strategies, plans, and efforts relative to the
16 COVID-19 pandemic as well as relevant and more
17 granulated health-related data, and such other information
18 which Congress may require. The terms and conditions of
19 any loan entered into by the government to finance the
20 programs and projects to implement this law shall likewise

1 be included in the report. The report shall also contain a
2 detailed BESF tables for COVID-19, similar to the BESF
3 tables submitted to Congress by the Development Budget
4 Coordination Committee.

5 For this purpose, the Congress shall establish a Joint
6 Congressional Oversight Committee composed of four (4)
7 Members of each House to be appointed by the Senate
8 President and the House Speaker, respectively. This
9 Committee shall determine whether such acts, orders,
10 rules and regulations are within the restrictions provided
11 herein.

12 SEC. 7. *Construction or Interpretation.* – Nothing
13 herein shall be construed as an impairment, restriction or
14 modification of the provisions of the Constitution. In case
15 the exercise of the powers herein granted conflicts with
16 other statutes, orders, rules or regulations, the provisions
17 of this Act shall prevail.

18 SEC. 8. *Separability.* – If any provision of this Act or
19 the application of such provision to any person or
20 circumstance is declared invalid, the remainder of this Act

1 or the application of such provision to any other person or
2 circumstance shall not be affected by such declaration.

3 SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* – Republic Act No. 11469 is
4 hereby repealed upon the adjournment of the First Regular
5 Session of the Eighteenth Congress, in accordance with
6 Article VI, Section 23 (2) of the Constitution. All laws, acts,
7 decrees, executive orders, issuances, and rules and
8 regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to and
9 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or
10 modified accordingly.

11 SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon
12 its publication in the *Official Gazette* and one (1)
13 newspaper of general circulation and shall be in full force
14 and effect until September 30, 2020, unless otherwise
15 provided for in this Act or extended by Congress.

Approved,