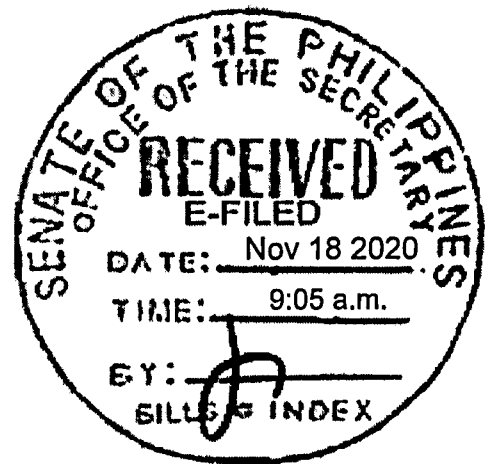


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**AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11494, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE "BAYANIHAN TO RECOVER AS ONE ACT", EXTENDING ITS VALIDITY  
UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2021**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article VI, Section 23 (2) of the 1987 Constitution states that, "*In times of war or other national emergency, the Congress may, by law, authorize the President, for a limited period and subject to such restrictions as it may prescribe, to exercise powers necessary and proper to carry out a declared national policy. Unless sooner withdrawn by resolution of the Congress, such powers shall cease upon the next adjournment thereof.*"

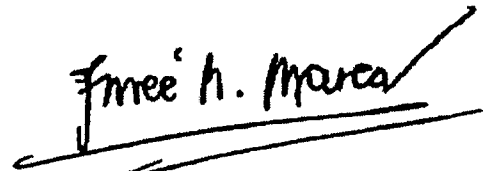
Last 8 March 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation No. 922, declaring the entire country under a state of public health emergency due to COVID-19 pandemic. The Congress, for its part, passed Republic Act No. 11469 or the "*Bayanihan to Heal as One Act*", granting stand-by powers to the President to effectively carry out the national policy, programs, and projects in order to stop the spread of the coronavirus. However, its effectivity is only for three (3) months, or until 26 June 2020. Hence, Congress subsequently passed Republic Act No. 11494, or the "*Bayanihan to Recover as One Act*", to be effective until 31 December 2020.

Despite efforts to "*flatten the curve*", six (6) local government units (LGUs) will remain to be under general community quarantine (GQC) until 30 November 2020, namely, Metro Manila, Batangas, Iloilo City, Bacolod City, Tacloban City, Iligan City, and Lanao del Sur. This is a necessary measure since cases of COVID-19 infection

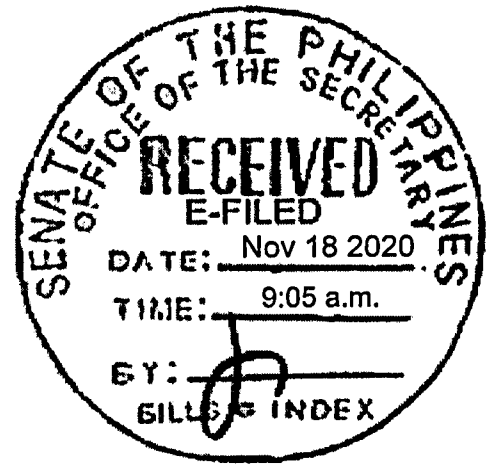
remain to be significantly high, with twenty seven thousand three hundred sixty nine (27, 369) active cases, and with a record high of six thousand nine hundred fifty eight (6,958) confirmed cases in one just day.

Thus, this bill seeks to extend the effectivity of Republic Act No. 11494 in order to allow the government to continue its programs and measures in response to the still ravaging onslaught of COVID-19 pandemic.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

1        **Section 1. Extension.** - Section 18 of Republic Act No. 11494 otherwise known  
2 as the "*Bayanihan to Recover as One Act*" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3                "**Section 18. Effectivity.** – Except as otherwise specifically provided herein,  
4 this Act shall be in full force and effect until [the next adjournment of the  
5 Eighteenth Congress on December 19, 2020] **DECEMBER 31, 2021**. This act  
6 shall take effect immediately upon its publication in a newspaper of general  
7 circulation or in the *Official Gazette: Provided*, That Section 4(cc) of this Act shall  
8 be deemed to be in effect since Republic Act 11469 expired.."

9        **SEC. 2. Effectivity.** — This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication  
10 in a newspaper of general circulation or in the *Official Gazette*.

*Approved,*