



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5087

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AN ACT

MANDATING THE INTEGRATION OF THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6541 ENTITLED “AN ACT TO ORDAIN AND INSTITUTE A NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES” AS A MAJOR SUBJECT IN THE CURRICULUM OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, SANITARY ENGINEERING, ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING, AND ARCHITECTURE, AND ITS INCLUSION AS A TOPIC IN THE LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS FOR THESE PROFESSIONS

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the “Integration of the National Building Code to the
2 Engineering and Architecture Curriculum and Professional Licensure Examination Act”.

3 **SEC. 2.** It is the policy of the State to promote the principles of sound environmental
4 management and control consistent with its Constitutional mandate to safeguard life, health, property
5 and public welfare. To this end, the State shall ensure that those who are authorized to practice the
6 engineering and architecture professions receive the necessary formal instructions on building design,
7 construction, occupancy and maintenance, are sufficiently trained in ensuring the safety and integrity
8 of building and non-building structures, and given adequate instruction and training on the latest
9 regulations, know-how, and building technologies.

1 **SEC. 3.** Pursuant to its mandate under Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the “Higher
2 Education Act of 1994”, the Commission on Higher Education is hereby mandated to develop and
3 include in the curriculum of the Bachelor of Science degree programs in Civil Engineering, Mechanical
4 Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Sanitary Engineering, Electronics Engineering, and Architecture
5 the study of the National Building Code of the Philippines as a major subject.

6 **SEC. 4.** The Professional Regulation Commission is hereby mandated to include the National
7 Building Code of the Philippines as a topic in the licensure examinations for the Civil Engineering,
8 Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Sanitary Engineering, Electronics Engineering, and
9 Architecture professions.

10 **SEC. 5.** Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Higher
11 Education shall, in consultation with the Professional Regulation Commission and other relevant
12 stakeholders in higher education, promulgate the implementing rules and regulations necessary to
13 ensure the efficient and effective implementation of this Act.

14 **SEC. 6.** All laws, decrees, provisions of charters, executive orders, ordinances, rules and
15 regulations or other parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Act are repealed,
16 amended or modified accordingly.

17 **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*
18 or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,