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This **Linkages Update** aims to provide information on legislations approved and enacted into law, bills passed on third reading by the Senate, outputs of Forums conducted by ILS, and other concerns of national importance. Presented in this issue is the Laws Passed during the Seventeenth Congress covering the period July 2017 to December 2017.

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Provided below are the laws passed and approved by the President of the Philippines during the 2nd Regular Session of the 17th Congress:

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10927

“AN ACT DESIGNATING CASINOS AS COVERED PERSONS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 14, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10928

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF PHILIPPINE PASSPORTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 2, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10929

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FREE INTERNET ACCESS PROGRAM IN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 2, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10930

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE POLICY REGARDING DRIVER’S LICENSE BY EXTENDING THE

VALIDITY PERIOD OF DRIVERS' LICENSES, AND PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATION OF ITS ISSUANCE AND APPLICATION, AMENDING FOR THOSE PURPOSES SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO 4136, AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 398 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1011, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 2, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10931

“AN ACT PROMOTING UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION BY PROVIDING FOR FREE TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND STATE-RUN TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, ESTABLISHING THE TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDY AND STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM, STRENGTHENING THE UNIFIED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 3, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10932

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE ANTI-HOSPITAL DEPOSIT LAW BY INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE REFUSAL OF HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS TO ADMINISTER APPROPRIATE INITIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SUPPORT IN EMERGENCY, OR SERIOUS CASES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 702, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEMAND OF DEPOSITS OR ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR THE CONFINEMENT OR TREATMENT OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS IN CERTAIN CASES”, AS

AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8344, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 3, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10933

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH (NBBS) IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS INTO THREE (3) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NBBS PROPER, BARANGAY NBBS KAUNLARAN AND BARANGAY NBBS DAGAT-DAGATAN”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10934

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY TANGOS IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS INTO TWO (2) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAYS TANGOS NORTH AND TANGOS SOUTH”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10935

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY TANZA IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS INTO TWO (2) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY TANZA 1 AND BARANGAY TANZA 2”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10936

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY COMAWAS IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10938

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOPEZ, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10939

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ATIMONAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10940

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUMACA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10941

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROBO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10942

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGKAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10943

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10944

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HINATUAN, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10945

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PEREZ, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10946

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAG, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10947

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLARIDEL, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10948

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUINAYANGAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10949

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABAT, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

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“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIGAO, PROVINCE OF ALBAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 23, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10951

“AN ACT ADJUSTING THE AMOUNT OR THE VALUE OF PROPERTY AND DAMAGE ON WHICH A PENALTY IS BASED, AND THE FINES IMPOSED UNDER THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE REVISED PENAL CODE”, AS AMENDED”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 29, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2017 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KATABAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 2, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10953

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY PAMPANGA IN THE CITY OF DAVAO INTO THREE (3) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY PAMPANGA, BARANGAY ALFONSO ANGLIONGTO, SR., AND BARANGAY VICENTE HIZON, SR.”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 30, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10954

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY MAGUGPO IN THE CITY OF TAGUM, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE INTO FIVE (5) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MAGUGPO POBLACION, BARANGAY MAGUGPO EAST, BARANGAY MAGUGPO WEST, BARANGAY MAGUGPO NORTH AND BARANGAY MAGUGPO SOUTH”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 30, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10955

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY DUMALNEG IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO THREE (3) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY KALAW, BARANGAY CABARITAN AND BARANGAY QUIBEL”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 30, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10956

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CARE IN THE CITY OF TARLAC, PROVINCE OF TARLAC”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 30, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10957

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LIWON IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASIPULO, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 30, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10958

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY CANUMAY IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA INTO TWO (2) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CANUMAY WEST AND BARANGAY CANUMAY EAST”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 30, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10959

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CRISTO REY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPAS, PROVINCE OF TARLAC”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 8, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10960

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SAN ISIDRO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TITAY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 8, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10961

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON NOVEMBER 8, 2017

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 19, 2017

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“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 5, 6, 24, 25, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34, 51, 52, 56, 57, 58, 74, 79, 84, 86, 90, 91, 97, 99, 100, 101, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 114, 116, 127, 128, 129, 145, 148, 149, 151, 155, 171, 174, 175, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 186, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 232, 236, 237, 249, 254, 264, 269, AND 288; CREATING NEW SECTIONS 51-A, 148-A, 150-A, 150-B, 237-A, 264-A, 264-B, AND 265-A; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 35, 62, AND 89; ALL UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 19, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10964

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 19, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10965

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF LAOAG, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS RODOLFO CG. FARINAS, JR. NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 28, 2017

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10966

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY, THE PRINCIPAL PATRONESS OF THE PHILIPPINES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 28, 2017

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The Senate of the Philippines is one of the pillars of the country's lawmaking body, the one being the House of Representatives. It is composed of 24 elected Senators whose terms of office shall be six (6) years. This dynamic institution is established to balance our economic, social and political environment and whose concerns are national in scope.

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~Julieta J. Cervo-

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