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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 are the Laws Passed during the Eighteenth Congress covering the period July 2019 to March 2020.

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Provided below are the laws passed and approved by the President of the Philippines during the 1st Regular Session of the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress:

### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11462**

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 3, 2019

### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11463**

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING MALASAKIT CENTERS IN ALL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTRY AND IN THE PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL (PGH), PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 3, 2019

### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11464**

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 65 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS

OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11260, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2019”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 20, 2019

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11465**

“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 TWENTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JANUARY 6, 2020

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11466**

“AN ACT MODIFYING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF ADDITIONAL BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JANUARY 8, 2020

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11467**

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 109, 141, 142, 143, 144, 147, 152, 263, 263-A, 265, AND 288-A, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 290-A TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JANUARY 22, 2020

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11468**

“AN ACT DESIGNATING THE THIRD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

FOR ROAD CRASH VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JANUARY 23, 2020

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11469**

“AN ACT DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A NATIONAL EMERGENCY ARISING FROM THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION AND A NATIONAL POLICY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR A LIMITED PERIOD AND SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, TO EXERCISE POWERS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO CARRY OUT THE DECLARED NATIONAL POLICY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON MARCH 24, 2020

NOTE:

A Republic Act is an important piece of legislation that will serve as guide to carry out the principles of the Constitution. It is crafted and passed by the two Houses of Congress and approved by the President. It can only be repealed by a similar act of Congress.

## **The Senate of the Philippines As an Institution**

The Senate of the Philippines is one of the pillars of the country's lawmaking body, the other 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.

As the bastion of democracy, its action is centered on consensus and consultation with the end purpose of serving the best interest of the Filipino people.

The SENATE also values the importance of having productive and harmonious relationship with other institutions, from the government and the private sector, to create an environment where rapport and goodwill among institutions prevail. Its main objective is the passage of good, implementable and doable laws in pursuit of democratic ideals that would truly serve the national interest and the welfare of the people.

*-Julieta J. Cervo-*

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS OF THE INSTITUTIONAL LINKAGES SERVICE**

- The Senate As An Institution  
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- ILS Resource Directory (Volumes I-II)  
(Compilation of contact persons and addresses of NGOs, POs, Academes, Associations, Etc.)  
Note: Copies distributed only to Senators and Senate Officials
  
- ILS Linkages Report  
(Digest of press releases of concerns and issues regarding legislation)
  
- ILS Linkages Circular  
(A compilation of bills and resolutions, as well as the committee reports, filed/adopted by the Senators and taken up on the floor for a particular week/month)
  
- Directory of Senators and Committee Membership

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