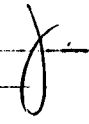


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN INTER-AGENCY ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
TO DEPLOY COST-EFFECTIVE ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES AND
TECHNOLOGIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Government Buildings
2 Energy Cost Reduction Act of 2016".
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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared the policy of State to establish
5 inter-agency programs for the purpose of deploying cost-effective energy conservation
6 measures and technologies to minimize energy consumption and costs.
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8 **SEC. 3. Definition.** - For the purpose of this Act, "energy conservation project" and
9 "project designed to reduce energy consumption and costs" mean any improvement, repair,
10 alteration or betterment of any building or facility or any equipment, fixture or furnishing to
11 be added to or used in any building or facility that the Department of Energy has determined
12 will be a cost-effective energy-related project that will lower energy or utility costs in
13 connection with the operation or maintenance of such building or facility, and will achieve
14 energy cost savings sufficient to cover bond debt service and other project costs within seven
15 (7) years from the date of project installation.
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17 **SEC. 4. Creation.** - The Inter-Agency Energy Conservation Committee, hereinafter
18 referred to as the Committee, is hereby created. The Committee shall be composed of the
19 Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE), Secretary of Department of Trade and
20 Industry (DTI), Secretary of Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and the
21 Chairman of the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC). The DOE Secretary shall serve as
22 Committee chairman. The Committee's necessary staff and resources shall also be drawn
23 from the DOE.
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25 **SEC. 5. Powers and Duties.** - The Inter-Agency Energy Conservation Committee
26 shall have the authority:
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- 28 a) To prepare an annual assessment of opportunities for energy cost reduction in
29 state-owned and leased buildings and facilities designated by the committee. Each

1 assessment shall be completed each year, commencing from the passage of this
2 Act, and shall be available to the public. This shall include:

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- 4 1. Data on energy consumption and costs for each building and facility
5 designated by the committee for the preceding five (5) years and
6 anticipated energy consumption and cost data projected for the next three
7 (3) years;
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- 9 2. Energy conservation measures deployed in buildings and facilities
10 designated by the committee during the preceding year;
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- 12 3. Evaluation studies of the cost reductions and other benefits realized
13 through the deployment of such measures; and
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- 15 4. Energy conservation opportunities based on audits, technical analyses or
16 other methods of determining such opportunities and associated energy
17 saving operation and maintenance procedures and capital projects for each
18 building or facility designated by the committee.
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- 20 b) To conduct such surveys, audits, technical analysis and other research or
21 investigations as may be necessary to support the preparation of the annual plan
22 and the objectives of this Act;
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- 24 c) To review all proposed capital projects and energy cost operating budgets of
25 agencies designated by the Committee and recommend energy conservation
26 measures which would reduce operating costs in buildings or facilities affected by
27 such capital projects;
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- 29 d) To develop, after study of existing or emerging energy conservation technologies,
30 guidelines as may be necessary or desirable to further the objectives of this Act or
31 to aid the work of the Committee;
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- 33 e) To provide any officer or entity of government, technical and consultative
34 assistance concerning energy cost management or conservation;
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- 36 f) To annually recommend specific operations and maintenance procedure
37 modifications and capital projects for state-owned and leased buildings and
38 facilities designed to reduce energy consumption and costs; and
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- 40 g) To issue a report describing the status of government building energy cost
41 reduction and management efforts in the country, listing obstacles to building
42 energy efficiency improvement together with related recommendations for
43 statutory change, and identifying opportunities for public sector energy cost
44 reductions not addressed by this Act or the programs developed pursuant hereto.
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46 **SEC. 6. Funding Provision.** - The Chairperson of the Committee shall immediately
47 hereinafter include in the Committee's programs the prompt implementation of this Act,
48 funding of which shall be provided for in the Annual General Appropriations Act.
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1 **SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders or parts thereof
2 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
3 accordingly.

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5 **SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
6 unconstitutional, other provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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8 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
9 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,