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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pursuant to the policy of the State to protect the life and property of its citizens, Republic Act No. 6541 or the National Building Code of the Philippines was enacted to provide a framework of minimum standards and requirements of all buildings and structures by guiding, regulating, and controlling their location, siting, design, quality of materials, construction, use, occupancy, and maintenance, including their environment, utilities, fixtures, equipment, and mechanical electrical, and other systems and installations.

This bill proposes to integrate the National Building Code of the Philippines as a major subject in engineering and architecture courses given that these courses are primarily concerned with building design, construction, occupancy and maintenance and to include said Code as a topic in the licensure examinations for these professions.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill 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. This Act shall be known as the "National Building Code Integration
2 Act".
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4 SEC. 2. It is the policy of the State to safeguard the life, health and property of
5 its citizens and promote public welfare, consistent with the principles of sound
6 environmental management and control embodied in the National Building Code.
7 Towards this end, the State shall ensure that those who practice the engineering and
8 architecture professions shall receive the necessary formal instructions on and learn
9 the latest know-how on regulations and technologies and be sufficiently trained in
10 ensuring the safety and integrity of structures, both building and nonbuilding.
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12 SEC. 3. Pursuant to its mandate under Section 8 of Republic Act No. 7722,
13 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994", the Commission on Higher

1 Education (CHED) is mandated to develop and include in the curriculum of the
2 Bachelor of Science degree programs in Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering,
3 Electrical Engineering, Sanitary Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Architecture and
4 such other degree programs that the CHED may deem appropriate, the study of the
5 National Building Code of the Philippines (NBCP) as a major subject in the higher
6 education curriculum of the architecture and engineering courses.

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8 SEC. 4. The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) is hereby mandated to
9 include the NBCP as a topic in the licensure examinations for the civil engineering,
10 mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, sanitary engineering, electronics
11 engineering, architecture and such other professions that the PRC may deem
12 appropriate.

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14 SEC. 5. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the CHED shall,
15 in consultation with the PRC and other relevant stakeholders in higher education,
16 promulgate the implementing rules and regulations necessary to ensure the efficient
17 and effective implementation of this Act.

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

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

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26 *Approved,*