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- *Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; and PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA*

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- *Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES*
- *Referred to the Committees on AGRICULTURE AND FOOD; PUBLIC WORKS; and FINANCE*

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- *Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES*
- *Referred to the Committees on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE*

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- *Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES*
- *Referred to the Committees on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE*

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- *Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES*
- *Referred to the Committees on CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, REVISION OF CODES AND LAWS; CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; and FINANCE*

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- *Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO*
- *Referred to the Committees on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; and FINANCE*

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- *Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO*
- *Referred to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT*

**SBN 658** "AN ACT CREATING A LOCAL HOUSING BOARD IN ALL CITIES AND FIRST TO THIRD CLASS MUNICIPALITIES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO*
- *Referred to the Committees on URBAN PLANNING, HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT; and LOCAL GOVERNMENT*

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- *Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO*
- *Referred to the Committees on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; TRADE AND COMMERCE; and FINANCE*

**SBN 660** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RIGHTS OF AIRLINE PASSENGERS BY PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR AIRLINE CARRIER SERVICES"

- *Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO*
- *Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SERVICES*

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- *Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO*
- *Referred to the Committee on FINANCE*

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- *Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO*
- *Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE*

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- *Introduced by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS*
- *Referred to the Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLES PARTICIPATION*

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- *Introduced by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS*
- *Referred to the Committee on RULES*

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- *Introduced by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS*
- *Referred to the Committee on URBAN PLANNING, HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT*

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- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE*

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- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES; PUBLIC SERVICES; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE*

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- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES; and PUBLIC SERVICES*

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- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on CULTURAL COMMUNITIES; EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE*

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- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and WAYS AND MEANS*

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- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS*

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- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; and FINANCE*

**SBN 673** "AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; and FOREIGN RELATIONS*

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- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE*

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- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and FINANCE*

**SBN 676** "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on TRADE AND COMMERCE; ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; and FINANCE*

**SBN 677** "AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE LAGUNA LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (LLDA), REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4850, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAGUNA LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT OF 1966, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES; ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE*

**SBN 678** "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MONITORING AND SUPERVISORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE SAFE OPERATIONS OF THE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) INDUSTRY; RATIONALIZE THE MANUFACTURE, SALE, DISTRIBUTION, EXCHANGE, SWAPPING, REPAIR, REQUALIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF LPG CYLINDERS; PROVIDE ADDITIONAL POWERS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY; DEFINE AND PENALIZE VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on TRADE AND COMMERCE; and ENERGY*

**SBN 679** "AN ACT TO GOVERN THE OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; FOREIGN RELATIONS; and FINANCE*

**SBN 680** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LAKE LANA O DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES; ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE*

**SBN 681** "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES EXTENSION SYSTEM TO ACCELERATE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on AGRICULTURE AND FOOD; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and FINANCE*

**SBN 682** "AN ACT CREATING A PHILIPPINE INVENTORS COMMISSION, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE*

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- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on TRADE AND COMMERCE; HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE*

**SBN 684** "AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) SYSTEM, TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION THEREIN, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and FINANCE*

**SBN 685** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CRISIS CENTER FOR STREET CHILDREN IN ALL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND IN EVERY HIGHLY URBANIZED CITY IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS; SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; and FINANCE*

**SBN 686** "AN ACT TO PROFESSIONALIZE THE PRACTICE OF PRISON MANAGEMENT SETTING QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE NATIONAL PRISON SYSTEM AND OF WARDENS OF PROVINCIAL, CITY OR MUNICIPAL JAILS"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; and CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION*

**SBN 687** "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE INFORMATION AGENCY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 100 ALSO KNOWN AS 'CREATING THE PHILIPPINE INFORMATION AGENCY' BY PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL FUNCTION, ESTABLISHING A NATIONWIDE WELFARE FUND AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA; and FINANCE*

**SBN 688** "AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 1 AND 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6850 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT TO GRANT CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES APPOINTED UNDER PROVISIONAL OR TEMPORARY STATUS WHO HAVE RENDERED A TOTAL OF SEVEN (7) YEARS OF EFFICIENT SERVICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committee on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION*

**SBN 689** "AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO ALL DULY-APPOINTED BARANGAY SECURITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and FINANCE*

**SBN 690** "AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY TEACHING OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE*

**SBN 691** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING ENVIRONMENTAL UNITS IN EVERY BANKING INSTITUTION TO ASSESS THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPONENT OF LOAN APPLICATIONS"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES; and ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES*

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- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND FOOD*

**SBN 693** "AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6971 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE PRODUCTIVITY INCENTIVES ACT OF 1990' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committee on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT*

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- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; and FINANCE*

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- *Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA*
- *Referred to the Committees on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE*

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- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO*
- *Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE*

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- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO*
- *Referred to the Committees on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; and FINANCE*

**SBN 698** "AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5921, THE PHARMACY LAW, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO*
- *Referred to the Committees on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; and FINANCE*

**SBN 699** "AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PLUMBING ENGINEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES"

- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO*
- *Referred to the Committees on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; and FINANCE*

**SBN 700** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO*
- *Referred to the Committees on PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS; EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE*

**SBN 701** "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9298, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE ACCOUNTANCY ACT OF 2004"

- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO*
- *Referred to the Committee on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION*

**SBN 702** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TWENTY FIVE (25)-BED HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS CORDOVA PUBLIC HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO*
- *Referred to the Committee on RULES*

**SBN 703** "AN ACT PENALIZING DISOBEDIENCE TO THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS"

- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO*
- *Referred to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS*

**SBN 704** "AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 544, AS AMENDED, OR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING LAW"

- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO*
- *Referred to the Committee on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION*

**SBN 705** "AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7309, ENTITLED, AN ACT CREATING A BOARD OF CLAIMS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF UNJUST IMPRISONMENT OR DETENTION AND VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO*
- *Referred to the Committees on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; and FINANCE*

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- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO*
- *Referred to the Committee on CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, REVISION OF CODES AND LAWS; 9/11/2013 Change of Committee Referral from the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS*

**SBN 707** "AN ACT DECLARING THE SEVENTEENTH OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL STUDENTS' DAY"

- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO*
- *Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE*

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- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO*
- *Referred to the Committees on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; and CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, REVISION OF CODES AND LAWS*

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- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO*
- *Referred to the Committees on GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES; EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE and WAYS AND MEANS*

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- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO*
- *Referred to the Committees on GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES; and CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION*

**SBN 711** "AN ACT PROMOTING THE TREATMENT AND ERADICATION OF TUBERCULOSIS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7875, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10606, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR ALL FILIPINOS AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION FOR THE PURPOSE"

- *Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO*
- *Referred to the Committee on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY*

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- *Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO*
- *Referred to the Committee on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY*

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- *Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO*
- *Referred to the Committees on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE*

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- *Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO*
- *Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND FOOD*

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- *Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO*
- *Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND FOOD*

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- *Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO*
- *Referred to the Committee on WAYS AND MEANS*

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- *Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO*
- *Referred to the Committee on WAYS AND MEANS*

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- *Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO*
- *Referred to the Committee on WAYS AND MEANS*

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- *Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO*
- *Referred to the Committees on PUBLIC WORKS; and WAYS AND MEANS*

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- *Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO*
- *Referred to the Committees on PUBLIC WORKS; and WAYS AND MEANS*

**SBN 721** "AN ACT TO GOVERN THE OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION"

- *Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO*
- *Referred to the Committees on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; FOREIGN RELATIONS; and FINANCE*

**SBN 722** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM FOR REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND ACCREDITATION OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO*
- *Referred to the Committees on SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; and FINANCE*

**SBN 723** "AN ACT MANDATING COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FOR THE PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS INFECTION"

- *Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO*
- *Referred to the Committees on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE*

**SBN 724** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF NANNY PLACEMENT OR EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES"

- *Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO*
- *Referred to the Committee on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT*

**SBN 725** "AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MICROBICIDES TO PREVENT SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES"

- *Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO*
- *Referred to the Committees on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE*

**SBN 726** "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION OR SHIPMENT OF MAMMALS, BIRDS, FISH (INCLUDING MOLLUSKS AND CRUSTACEA), AMPHIBIA, AND REPTILES THAT MAY BE INJURIOUS TO THE PHILIPPINE ECOSYSTEM, PROVIDING PENALTIES AND EXCEPTIONS"

- *Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO*
- *Referred to the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES*

**SBN 727** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL CENTER FOR INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RELATING TO ALL TYPES OF FAMILY RESOURCE AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS"

- *Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO*
- *Referred to the Committees on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS; and FINANCE*

**SBN 728** "AN ACT PROVIDING GRANTS TO PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ALLOW SUCH INSTITUTIONS TO PROMOTE EDUCATION INITIATIVES"

- *Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO*
- *Referred to the Committees on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE*

**SBN 729** "AN ACT TO ASSURE MEANINGFUL DISCLOSURES OF THE TERMS OF RENTAL PURCHASE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING DISCLOSURES OF ALL COSTS TO CONSUMERS UNDER SUCH AGREEMENTS AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SUBSTANTIVE RIGHTS TO CONSUMERS"

- *Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO*
- *Referred to the Committee on TRADE AND COMMERCE*

**SBN 730** "AN ACT PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS, LABOR CONTRACTORS, AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST ANY INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE OF AGE"

- *Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO*
- *Referred to the Committee on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT*

**SBN 731** "AN ACT EXEMPTING THE BANK DEPOSITS OF SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE TWENTY PERCENT (20%) WITHHOLDING TAX ON INTEREST INCOME, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432"

- *Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO*
- *Referred to the Committees on WAYS AND MEANS and SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT*

**SBN 732** "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE UNLAWFUL SALE AND PURCHASE OF DISSERTATIONS, THESES, TERM PAPERS, ESSAYS, REPORTS, OR ANY OTHER SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT"

- *Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO*
- *Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE*

**SBN 733** "AN ACT PROHIBITING PUBLIC OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM CHARGING TO THE GOVERNMENT THE SALARIES OF THEIR PERSONAL PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS"

- *Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO*
- *Referred to the Committee on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION*

**SBN 734** "AN ACT INTRODUCING EDUCATIONAL REFORMS AND SUPPORTING THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATIONAL REFORMS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS"

- *Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO*
- *Referred to the Committees on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE*

**SBN 735** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND MECHANISMS FOR THE CREATION, OPERATION, ADMINISTRATION, AND COORDINATION OF THE PHILIPPINE BOOK PUBLISHING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CENTER, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'BOOK CITY', CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE, THE BOOK PUBLISHING ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (BPEZA) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA*
- *Referred to the Committees on GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES; EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE*

**SBN 736** "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4670, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA*
- *Referred to the Committees on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE*

**SBN 737** "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE SAFE OPERATIONS OF THE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) INDUSTRY, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL POWERS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, DEFINE AND PENALIZE CERTAIN ACTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA*
- *Referred to the Committees on TRADE AND COMMERCE; and ENERGY*

**SBN 738** "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA*
- *Referred to the Committees on WAYS AND MEANS; and AGRICULTURE AND FOOD*

**SBN 739** "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE THROUGH THE EMPOWERMENT OF NON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (NGO) AND PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTING FOR THE PURPOSE A BOTTOM-UP MECHANISM IN CRAFTING DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA*
- *Referred to the Committees on ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLES PARTICIPATION; and LOCAL GOVERNMENT*

**SBN 740** "AN ACT PROVIDING A MECHANISM FOR THE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO AND OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC LANDS BY FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK, MANDATING FOR THAT PURPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS FOR THE TITLING OF SUCH PUBLIC LANDS THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF FREE PATENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA*
- *Referred to the Committees on CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, REVISION OF CODES AND LAWS; and ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES*

**SBN 741** "AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE"

- *Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA*
- *Referred to the Committee on WAYS AND MEANS*

**SBN 742** "AN ACT CREATING THE DEBT MANAGEMENT BOARD, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA*
- *Referred to the Committees on ECONOMIC AFFAIRS and FINANCE*

**SBN 743** "AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA*
- *Referred to the Committees on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; PUBLIC SERVICES; and FINANCE*

**SBN 744** "AN ACT UPGRADING THE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY BENEFITS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA*
- *Referred to the Committee on NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY*

**SBN 745** "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY GENERATION AND TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA*
- *Referred to the Committees on AGRICULTURE AND FOOD; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE*

**SBN 746** "AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA*
- *Referred to the Committee on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT*

**SBN 747** "AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION TO BUYERS OF REAL ESTATE ON INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS BY REQUIRING SUBDIVISION OR REAL ESTATE OWNERS TO HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL TITLE ON EVERY LOT AVAILABLE FIRST BEFORE OFFERING THE SAME FOR SALE, PROHIBITING ANY MORTGAGE, LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE ON THE SAME, MAKING THE ANNOTATION ON THE TITLE OF THE CONTRACT TO SELL OR SALE MANDATORY, MAKING IT COMPULSORY FOR THE EXECUTION OF A DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE AND THE DELIVERY OF THE TITLE TO THE BUYER UPON COMPLETION OF INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS, AND PROVIDING OTHER PROTECTIVE MEASURES, INCLUDING THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF"

- *Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA*
- *Referred to the Committee on URBAN PLANNING, HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT*

**SBN 748** "AN ACT EXEMPTING MONEY TRANSFER TO THE PHILIPPINES OF OVERSEAS FOREIGN WORKERS FROM THE IMPOSITION OF DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 181 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA*
- *Referred to the Committee on WAYS AND MEANS*

**SBN 749** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN AUTOMATIC PAY INCREASE TO ANY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO IS DEPLOYED AWAY FROM THE MEMBER'S PERMANENT STATION OR, IN THE CASE OF A MEMBER OF A RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES, THE MEMBER'S HOME OF RECORD, ONCE THE DEPLOYMENT PERIOD EXCEEDS 180 DAYS OF CONTINUOUS DUTY"

- *Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA*
- *Referred to the Committees on NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY; and FINANCE*

**SBN 750** "AN ACT DETERRING AND PUNISHING ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS, RECRUITMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO PARTICIPATE THEREIN, COMMISSION OF VIOLENT GANG CRIMES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA*
- *Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS*

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