

*Senate of the Philippines*

# *LINKAGES*

## *Update*

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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 Fifteenth Congress covering the period January 2012 to June 2012.

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## **LAWS PASSED COVERING THE PERIOD**

### **January 2012 to June 2012**

(Covers Republic Act Numbers 10157-10169)

Provided below are the laws passed and approved by the President of the Philippines during the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress covering the period January 2012 to October 2012:

#### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10157**

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION INTO THE BASIC EDUCATION SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JANUARY 20, 2012

#### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10158**

“AN ACT DECRIMINALIZING VAGRANCY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 202 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON MARCH 27, 2012

#### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10159**

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 39 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON APRIL 10, 2012

#### **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10160**

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOR IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF BACOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON APRIL 10, 2012

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10161**

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF IMUS IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF IMUS”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON APRIL 10, 2012

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10162**

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCHES IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO BE STATIONED AT STA. ROSA CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (E) OF BA'RAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON APRIL 17, 2012

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10163**

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABUYAO IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF CABUYAO”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON MAY 16, 2012

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10164**

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MABALACAT IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MABALACAT CITY”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON MAY 15, 2012

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10165**

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND PROPAGATE FOSTER CARE AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS THEREFOR”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 11, 2012

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10166**

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF GEOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINE (R. A. NO. 4209), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "GEOLOGY PROFESSION ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 11, 2012

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10167**

“AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING LAW, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 10 AND 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001", AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 18, 2012

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10168**

“AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF FINANCING OF TERRORISM, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 18, 2012

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10169**

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF ILAGAN IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF ILAGAN”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 21, 2012

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## **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 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.

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