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A. AUTHORED SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

SBN-855 “AN ACT ELEVATING THE PHILIPPINE NORMAL UNIVERSITY TO BECOME THE COUNTRY’S NATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR TEACHER EDUCATION, ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF NATIONAL TEACHER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-856 “AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TAX ALL ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS GRANTED TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS, INCLUDING THE FACULTY OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS”

➤ Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-857 “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SUMMARY TITLING OF REAL PROPERTIES USED AS SITES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS”

➤ Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-858 “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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SBN-859 “AN ACT IMPOSING A TEN PERCENT (10%) COMPUTER EDUCATION TAX ON RECEIPTS (EXCLUDING VALUE-ADDED TAX) FROM CELLULAR PHONE CALLS TO BE BORNE BY CELLULAR PHONE COMPANIES, CREATING A SPECIAL COMPUTER LITERACY EDUCATION FUND FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-860 “AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OPEN LEARNING AND DISTANCE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-861 “AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR TOY SAFETY LABELING”

- Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-862 “AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND REFORM THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-863 “AN ACT ENHANCING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-864 “AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR VICTIMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-865 “AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 57 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

- Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-866 “AN ACT DEFINING CERTAIN INDICATIONS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL INCAPACITY AS A GROUND FOR THE DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE, AMENDING ARTICLE 36 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE”

- Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-867 “AN ACT TO INSTITUTE POLICIES TO ELIMINATE THE TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, ESTABLISHING THE NECESSARY INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS FOR THE PROTECTION AND SUPPORT OF TRAFFICKED PERSONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-868 “AN ACT DECLARING THE RIGHTS OF THE PATIENTS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

➤ Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-869 “AN ACT PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE SERVICES, THROUGH THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS, REGULATING THEIR OPERATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-870 “AN ACT RESTRICTING THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO CONTRACT OR OBTAIN FOREIGN LOANS AND GUARANTEE THE SAME, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4860, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-871 “AN ACT REQUIRING 90 DAYS NOTICE BEFORE CHANGING THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE OF INTEREST APPLICABLE ON ANY CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT OR BEFORE CHANGING THE INDEX USED TO DETERMINE SUCH RATE”

➤ Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-872 “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 UNDER SUCH AGREEMENTS”

➤ Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-873 “AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING SECTION ONE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 53, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE PUBLISHER, EDITOR, OR REPORTER OF ANY PUBLICATION FROM REVEALING THE SOURCE OF PUBLISHED NEWS OR INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE”

➤ Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-874 “AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRESENTATION TO THE PRESS OR PUBLIC OF SUSPECTS IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BEFORE CASES ARE FORMALLY FILED AGAINST SUSPECTS”

➤ Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-875 “AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 285 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, PROVIDING FOR THE RE-ALLOCATION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS”

➤ Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-876 “AN ACT INCREASING THE BENEFIT OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, CREATING A NATIONAL BARANGAY BENEFITS AUGMENTATION FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-877 “AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO ALL DULY-APPOINTED MEMBERS OF BARANGAY TANOD BRIGADES DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SBN-878 “AN ACT GRANTING SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS TO THE FAMILY OR BENEFICIARY OF ANY BARANGAY OFFICERS, BARANGAY TANOD OR VOLUNTEER AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN COUNCIL KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE ON DUTY OR BY REASON OF HIS/HER OFFICE OR POSITION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: June 30, 2001

SRN-102 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY; AND FINANCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE USE OF THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OF THE AFP FOR THE POLITICAL PURPOSES AND THE USE OF THE INTELLIGENCE AND CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO ACHIEVE SUCH PURPOSE, WITH THE END OF FORMULATING REMEDIAL LEGISLATION”

➤ Date Filed: August 10, 2001

SRN-103 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; AND THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS, TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE SALE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS ALONG THE SIDEWALKS OF RECTO AVENUE IN MANILA”

➤ Date Filed: August 10, 2001

SBN-1598 “AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NONFORMAL EDUCATION ACCREDITATION AND EQUIVALENCY (NFE A&C) SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: August 13, 2001

SRN-152 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE POSSIBLE EXISTENCE OF A MONOPOLY, CARTEL OR COLLUSION BY CELLULAR PHONE COMPANIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FREE-TEXT REDUCTION SCHEME ADVERSELY AFFECTING MORE OR LESS EIGHT (8) MILLION SUBSCRIBERS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROTECTING THEIR GENERAL WELFARE, RIGHTS AND INTERESTS AND TO COME UP WITH REMEDIAL AND SAFEGUARD MEASURES THEREFOR”

➤ Date Filed: September 24, 2001

SBN-1842 “AN ACT TO PROFESSIONALIZE THE PRACTICE OF GUIDANCE COUNSELLING, CREATING A BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR GUIDANCE COUNSELLING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: October 16, 2001

SBN-1882 “AN ACT PENALIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN IN ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE UNDERTAKING OR OCCUPATION WHICH IS CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS TO THE CHILD’S LIFE, SAFETY, HEALTH, MORALS, OR WHICH DULY INTERFERES WITH THE CHILD’S NORMAL DEVELOPMENT AS FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: November 13, 2001

SRN-185 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS OF THE O-ILAW PROGRAM, SPECIFICALLY THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS INTENDED FOR THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT, WITH THE END VIEW OF PROVIDING REMEDIAL LEGISLATION”

➤ Date Filed: November 19, 2001

SRN-187 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, AND THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, AND

THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION , ARTS AND CULTURE TO ASCERTAIN THE CAUSES FOR THE INEQUITABLE AND UNEVEN DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY TO STATE-FUNDED HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF FORMULATING REMEDIAL LEGISLATION”

➤ Date Filed: November 20, 2001

SBN-1899 “AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: November 20, 2001

SBN-1900 “AN ACT REGULATING THE EDUCATION AND LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN AND THEIR PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: November 20, 2001

SBN-1901 “AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE IN THE PHILIPPINES”

➤ Date Filed: November 20, 2001

SBN-1902 “AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY (R.A. NO. 8560) OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE GEODETIC ENGINEERING ACT OF 1998, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: November 20, 2001

SRN-193 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE GOVERNMENT’S BORROWING PROCESS, SPECIFICALLY THE AUCTIONS CONDUCTED BY THE BUREAU OF TREASURY IN RELATION TO THE ISSUANCE OF PEACE BONDS, AND ASCERTAINING THEIR IMPACT ON THE GOVERNMENT’S BUDGET WITH THE END IN VIEW OF FORMULATION REMEDIAL LEGISLATION”

➤ Date Filed: December 5, 2001

SBN-1951 “AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE CREATION AND FILLING UP OF ONE (1) MANDATORY POSITION OF BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER IN EVERY BARANGAY PROVIDING INCENTIVES THERETO, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1569”

➤ Date Filed: December 20, 2001

SBN-1988 “AN ACT RESTORING, REHABILITATING AND MODERNIZING THE OLD AND EXISTING LINES OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS (PNR), EXTENDING FURTHER THESE LINES AS PROVIDED UNDER R.A. NO. 6366 TO PROVIDE A VIABLE PUBLIC RAILWAY TRANSPORT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ Date Filed: January 29, 2002

SRN-233 “RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS TO RECOMMEND THAT THE PHILIPPINE SENATE CONCUR IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOLS TO THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF CHILDREN IN ARMED CONFLICT AND THE SALE OF CHILDREN, CHILD PROSTITUTION AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY”

➤ Date Filed: February 12, 2002

SBN-2044 “AN ACT GRANTING THE RIGHT TO FRANCHISES TO DEVELOP THE RURAL AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK IN THE PHILIPPINE FOR COMMERCIAL AND OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: March 5, 2002

SBN-2117 “AN ACT REDUCING THE RATE OF THE AMUSEMENT TAX ON ADMISSION FEES OF THEATERS AND CINEMAS AND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PARAGRAPH (a) SECTION 140 OF R.A. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 AND OF OTHER RELATED LAWS.

➤ Date Filed: May 08, 2002

SRN-332 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, REVISION OF CODES AND LAWS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO REASSESS THE RELEVANCE AND THE ROLE OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN AS A VEHICLE AND MECHANISM FOR OUR YOUTH’S PARTICIPATION IN NATION BUILDING AND GOVERNANCE WITH THE END IN VIEW OF THE IDENTIFYING GAPS IN THE LAW AND TO COME OUT WITH APPROPRIATE REMEDIAL MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SAME”

➤ Date Filed: May 28, 2002

SBN-2196 “AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FORTY-TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX (R.A. 4226) OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE HOSPITAL LICENSURE ACT”

➤ Date Filed: June 26, 2002

SBN-2197 “AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE BATTERED WOMAN SYNDROME OR BATTERED CHILD SYNDROME AS JUSTIFYING CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER ARTICLE 11 (1), CHAPTER TWO, TITLE ONE, BOOK ONE OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

➤ Date Filed: June 26, 2002

SBN-2242 “AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION A NATIONAL SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY GRADE PUPILS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: July 22, 2002

SBN-2244 “AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 135 AND 137 OF THE LABOR CODE (PD 442 AS AMENDED) SO AS TO EXPAND THE PROHIBITED ACTS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN ON ACCOUNT OF SEX, AGE, ETHNIC ORIGIN AND BELIEFS”

➤ Date Filed: July 24, 2002

SBN-2251 “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REASONABLE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE LOSS OF LIVES, INJURIES AND DAMAGES TO PROPERTY SUFFERED BY NON-COMBATANT INDIVIDUALS IN THE COURSE OF DEPARTMENTS BY THE MILITARY, POLICE AND/OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: July 24, 2002

SRN-467 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA AND THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE REPORTED ILLEGAL TRADE OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY IN THE INTERNET WITH THE END IN VIEW OF THE COMING UP WITH THE REMEDIAL AND LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SAME”

➤ Date Filed: November 7, 2002

B. CO-AUTHORED SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

SBN-1745 “AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF MONEY LAUNDERING PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: September 24, 2001

SBN-1858 “AN ACT INSTITUTING THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002, REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6425, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 1972, AS AMENDED PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: October 22, 2001

SBN-2049 “AN ACT CREATING THE FILM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF THE PHILIPPINES, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ Date Filed: March 5, 2002

SBN-2086 “AN ACT PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES BY INCREASING THE RATE OF THE BASE PAY AND OTHER BENEFITS OF ITS OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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