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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 2011 to December 2011.

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during the 15th Congress

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LAWS PASSED COVERING THE PERIOD

January 2011 to December 2011

(Covers Republic Act Numbers 10148-10156)

Provided below are the laws passed and approved by the President of the Philippines during the 15th Congress covering the period January 2011 to December 2011:

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10148

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MARCUS EUGENE DOUTHIT”

➤ LAPSED INTO LAW ON MARCH 12, 2011

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10149

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE FINANCIAL VIABILITY AND FISCAL DISCIPLINE IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF THE STATE IN ITS GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT TO MAKE THEM MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF PUBLIC INTEREST AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 6, 2011

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10150

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIFELINE RATE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 73 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED NINETY-ONE THIRTY-SIX, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 21, 2011

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10151

“AN ACT ALLOWING THE EMPLOYMENT OF NIGHT WORKERS, THEREBY REPEALING ARTICLES 130 AND 131

OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBER FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-TWO, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 21, 2011

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10152

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY BASIC IMMUNIZATION SERVICES FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE No. 996, AS AMENDED”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 21, 2011

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10153

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SYNCHRONIZATION OF THE ELECTIONS IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM) WITH THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 30, 2011

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10154

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ENSURE THE EARLY RELEASE OF THE RETIREMENT PAY, PENSIONS, GRATUITIES AND OTHER BENEFITS OF RETIRING GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 15, 2011

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10155

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 28, 2011

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10156

“AN ACT CONFERRING UPON MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD AND SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, THE APPROPRIATE CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 20, 2011

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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.

-Julietta J. Cervo-

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