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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 Forms conducted by ILS, and other concerns of national importance. Presented in this issue are the Laws passed during the Eighteenth Congress covering the period July 2020 to September 2020.

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Provided below are the laws passed and approved by the President of the Philippines during the 2nd Regular Session of the 18th Congress:

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11478

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BICOL MEDICAL CENTER FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL WORKFORCE COMPLEMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8053, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 1, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11479

“AN ACT TO PREVENT, PROHIBIT AND PENALIZE TERRORISM, THEREBY REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9372, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “HUMAN SECURITY ACT OF 2007”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 3, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11480

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7797, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) DAYS TO NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED TWENTY (220) CLASS DAYS”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 17, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11481

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO FIRST UNITED BROADCASTING CORPORATION, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS GLOBAL SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8079, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE FIRST UNITED BROADCASTING CORPORATION (FUBC) A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS ANYWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JULY 30, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11482

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BROADCAST ENTERPRISES AND AFFILIATED MEDIA, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8098 TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON July 30, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11483

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE STA. IGNACIA-GUIMBA PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCES OF TARLAC AND NUEVA ECIJA VIA GERONA-PURA ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY NAMBALAN, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. IGNACIA TO BARANGAY BUENAVISTA, MUNICIPALITY OF PURA, ALL

IN THE PROVINCE OF TARLAC INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 14, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11484

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY ANDUYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TUBAO PROVINCE OF LA UNION TO BARANGAY SAN PASCUAL, MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA, PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 14, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11485

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUIMBA- TALUGTUG-UMINGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF GUIMBA AND TALUGTUG, ALL IN THE PROVINCES OF NUEVA ECIJA AND MUNICIPALITY OF UMINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 14, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11486

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING BARANGAY GRIJALVO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 14, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11487

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ALBAY DIVERSION ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MINALABAC, BULA, AND NABUA, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 14, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11488

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE LOCATION OF THE SORSOGON SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE FROM BULAN, SORSOGON TO GUBAT, SORSOGON, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9689, ENTITLED “AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SORSOGON SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 14, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11489

“AN ACT CREATING A DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CEBU AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 14, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11490

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE THIRD DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF M’LANG PROVINCE OF COTABATO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 14, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11491

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEAR THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CRUSADERS BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8091, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE CRUSADERS BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 14, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11492

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO GOLD LABEL BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8087, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING TO THE GOLD LABEL BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN DUMAGUETE CITY AND OTHER AREAS IN THE VISAYAS AND MINDANAO WHERE FREQUENCIES AND/OR CHANNELS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 14, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11493

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BICOL BROADCASTING SYSTEMS, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8092, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE BICOL BROADCASTING SYSTEMS, INC. (BBSI), A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN REGION V”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 14, 2020

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11494

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY INTERVENTIONS AND PROVIDING MECHANISMS TO ACCELERATE THE RECOVERY AND BOLSTER THE RESILIENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

NOTE:

A Republic Act is an important piece of legislation that will serve as guide to carry out the principles of the Constitution. It is crafted and passed by the two Houses of Congress and approved by the President. It can only be repealed by a similar act of Congress.

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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 other 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 relationships with other institutions, from the government and the private sectors, 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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