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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 April 2021 to June 2021.

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON APRIL 9, 2021

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON MAY 14, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON MAY 18, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON MAY 18, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON MAY 18, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON MAY 18, 2021

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON MAY 18, 2021

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON MAY 18, 2021

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON MAY 26, 2021

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON MAY 26, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON MAY 26, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON MAY 26, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON MAY 27, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON MAY 27, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON MAY 27, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 24, 2021

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 24, 2021

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 24, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 24, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 24, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 24, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 24, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 24, 2021

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 24, 2021

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 24, 2021

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 24, 2021

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 24, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 24, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 24, 2021

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- APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 24, 2021

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➤ APPROVED INTO LAW ON JUNE 30, 2021

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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