

UPDATE ON LAWS PASSED DURING THE 17TH CONGRESS

(DUTERTE Administration)

No.	R.A. No.	S	TITLE
2016 (17th CONGRESS)			
1	10923	N	<p>AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES</p> <p><i>(SB No. 1112 AND HB No. 3504, PASSED BY THE SENATE AND THE HREP ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2016)</i> (APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT ON OCTOBER 15, 2016)</p>
2	10924	N	<p>GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (GAA) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017, ENTITLED "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, TWO THOUAND AND SEVENTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"</p> <p>(APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT ON DECEMBER 22, 2016)</p>
2017 (17th CONGRESS)			
3	10925	N	<p>AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO REPUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., PRESENTLY KNOWN AS GMA NETWORK, INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7252, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE REPUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES"</p> <p><i>(HB No. 4631, WHICH ORIGINATED IN THE HREP, WAS PASSED BY THE HREP ON JANUARY 16, 2017, AMENDED BY THE SENATE ON MARCH 13, 2017, AND WHICH AMENDMENTS WERE CONCURRED IN BY THE HREP ON MARCH 14, 2017)</i> (APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT ON APRIL 21, 2017)</p>
4	10926	N	<p>AN ACT EXTENDING FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SMART COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (FORMERLY SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7294, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (SMART) A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, LEASE AND OPERATE INTEGRATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS/COMPUTER/ELECTRONIC SERVICES, AND STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES FOR PUBLIC DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"</p> <p><i>(HB No. 4637, WHICH ORIGINATED IN THE HREP, WAS PASSED BY THE HREP ON JANUARY 16, 2017, AMENDED BY THE SENATE ON MARCH 13, 2017, AND WHICH AMENDMENTS WERE CONCURRED IN BY THE HREP ON MARCH 14, 2017)</i> (APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT ON APRIL 21, 2017)</p>
5	10927	N	<p>AN ACT DESIGNATING CASINOS AS COVERED PERSONS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001", AS AMENDED</p> <p><i>(SB No. 1468, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE SENATE ON MAY 30, 2017, WAS ADOPTED AS AN AMENDMENT TO HB NO. 5663 BY THE HREP ON MAY 30, 2017)</i> (APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT ON JULY 14, 2017)</p>
6	10928	N	<p>AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF PHILIPPINE PASSPORTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES</p> <p><i>(CONSOLIDATION OF SB No. 1365 AND HB No. 4767, WAS FINALLY PASSED BY THE SENATE AND HREP ON MAY 17, 2017 AND MAY 16, 2017, RESPECTIVELY)</i> (APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT ON AUGUST 02, 2017)</p>

* LEDAC CLA

** CERTIFIED URGENT

*** PLA (President)

**** PLM (Senate & HRep)

7	10929	N	<p>AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FREE INTERNET ACCESS PROGRAM IN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR</p> <p><i>(CONSOLIDATION OF SB No. 1277 AND HB No. 5225, WAS FINALLY PASSED BY THE SENATE AND HREP ON MAY 24, 2017 AND MAY 23, 2017, RESPECTIVELY)</i> <i>(APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT ON AUGUST 02, 2017)</i></p>
8	10930	N	<p>AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE POLICY REGARDING DRIVER'S LICENSE BY EXTENDING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF DRIVERS' LICENSES, AND PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATION OF ITS ISSUANCE AND APPLICATION, AMENDING FOR THOSE PURPOSES SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 398 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1011, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE</p> <p><i>(CONSOLIDATION OF SB No. 1449 AND HB No. 5648, WAS FINALLY PASSED BY THE SENATE AND HREP ON MAY 31, 2017)</i> <i>(APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT ON AUGUST 02, 2017)</i></p>
9	10931	N	<p>AN ACT PROMOTING UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION BY PROVIDING FOR FREE TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND STATE-RUN TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, ESTABLISHING THE TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDY AND STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM, STRENGTHENING THE UNIFIED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FRO TERTIARY EDUCATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR</p> <p><i>(CONSOLIDATION OF SB No. 1304 AND HB No. 5633, WAS FINALLY PASSED BY THE SENATE AND HREP ON MAY 30, 2017 AND MAY 29, 2017, RESPECTIVELY)</i> <i>(APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT ON AUGUST 03, 2017)</i></p>
10	10932	N	<p>AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE ANTI-HOSPITAL DEPOSIT LAW BY INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE REFUSAL OF HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS TO ADMINISTER APPROPRIATE INITIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SUPPORT IN EMERGENCY OR SERIOUS CASES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 702, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEMAND OF DEPOSITS OR ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR THE CONFINEMENT OR TREATMENT OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS IN CERTAIN CASES", AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8344, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES</p> <p><i>(CONSOLIDATION OF SB No. 1353 AND HB No. 5159, WAS FINALLY PASSED BY THE SENATE AND HREP ON MAY 24, 2017)</i> <i>(APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT ON AUGUST 03, 2017)</i></p>