Mr. Speaker,

The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 10373, titled:


has considered the same and recommend that the same be approved with the following amendments:

1. On Section 1, page 2, line 6, between the words “outlays” and “shall”, insert the word ITEM.

2. Amend the title to read as follows:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2021 APPROPRIATIONS TO DECEMBER 31, 2022, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 62 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11518, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2021”

with Rep. Eric Go Yap as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

REP. ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2021 centers on the philosophy that more than our priorities for a responsive and dynamic governance, the focus of our resources shall also be directed to the most urgent priority – to reset our momentum and action, rebound from the devastating effects of the pandemic on the health and economy, and fully recover from current and continuing impacts of the crisis.

The pandemic curbed the opportunities for socio-economic growth and development. It also brought disruptions in the operations of government, which then caused delay in the release and issuances of budget allocations. Nearing the end of the year, there are still programs, projects, and activities funded by the 2021 GAA that are very much needed by the Filipino people, especially those in the most vulnerable sector.

This bill seeks to extend the availability of the 2021 Appropriations from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022. This is to allow the agencies to fully utilize the allocated budget for 2021 to implement government programs and projects and to ensure that the intended beneficiaries of these basic services are reached.

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AN ACT

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 62 of the 2021 General Appropriations Act or Republic Act No. 11518 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 62. Cash Budgeting System. All appropriations authorized in this Act, including budgetary support to GOCCs, shall be available for release and disbursement for the purpose specified, and under the same general and special provisions applicable thereto, until December 31, [2021] **2022**. While the amount appropriated herein as National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund for calamities, epidemics as declared by the DOH, crises resulting from armed conflicts, insurgency, terrorism, and other catastrophes occurring in 2021 and financial assistance to LGUs released during the fiscal year shall be available for obligation and disbursement for the purpose specified until December 31, 2022. On the other hand, appropriations for the statutory shares of LGUs shall be available for obligation and disbursement until fully expended.

After the end of validity period, all unreleased appropriations shall lapse, while unexpended or undispursed funds shall revert to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in accordance with Section 28, Chapter 4, Book VI of E.O. No. 292 and shall not thereafter be available for expenditure except by subsequent legislative enactment.

Departments, bureaus and offices of the National Government, including constitutional offices enjoying fiscal autonomy, SUCs and GOCCs, shall strictly observe the validity of appropriations and the reversion of funds.
For FY 2021, the appropriations for infrastructure capital outlays, including those subsidy releases to GOCCs for infrastructure projects, shall be valid for obligation until December 31, [2021] 2022, while the completion of construction, inspection, and payment shall be made not later than [June 30] DECEMBER 31, 2022. On the other hand, appropriations for MOOE and other capital outlays shall likewise be valid for obligation until December 31, [2021] 2022, while the delivery, inspection and payment shall be made not later than [March 31] DECEMBER 31, 2022.

The DBM is authorized to issue the necessary guidelines for the effective implementation of the cash budgeting system.

A report on these releases and disbursements shall be submitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate of the Philippines, the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance, either in printed form or by way of electronic document.

SEC. 2. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,
FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 10373

AN ACT

PRIMARY COMMITTEE: Committee on Appropriations

Author: Representative Eric Go Yap

OBJECTIVE

- To allow government agencies to fully utilize the budget for 2021 for the implementation of priority programs and projects

KEY PROVISIONS

1. Amends Section 62 of the FY 2021 General Appropriations Act or R.A. No. 11518 extending the availability of the 2021 appropriations until December 31, 2022:

   - All appropriations authorized in the FY 2021 GAA, including budgetary support to Government-owned or -controlled Corporations (GOCCs), shall be available for release and disbursement for the purpose specified until December 31, 2022

   - The FY 2021 appropriations for infrastructure capital outlays, including subsidy releases to GOCCs for infrastructure projects, shall be valid for obligation until December 31, 2022 and the completion of construction, inspection, and payment shall be made not later than December 31, 2022

   - The FY 2021 appropriations for MOOE and other capital outlays shall be valid for obligation until December 31, 2022 and the delivery, inspection and payment shall be made not later than December 31, 2022.

Related Law:

R.A. No. 11518 – FY 2021 General Appropriations Act