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AN ACT MANDATING THE INTEGRATION OF THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6541, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ORDAIN AND INSTITUTE A NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES", AS A MAJOR SUBJECT IN THE CURRICULUM OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, SANITARY ENGINEERING, ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING, AND ARCHITECTURE, AND ITS INCLUSION AS A TOPIC IN THE LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS FOR THESE PROFESSIONS

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "National Building  
2 Code Integration Act".

1 SEC. 2. It is the policy of the State to safeguard the life,  
2 health and property of its citizens and promote public welfare,  
3 consistent with the principles of sound environmental management  
4 and control embodied in the National Building Code. Towards this  
5 end, the State shall ensure that those who practice the engineering  
6 and architecture professions shall receive the necessary formal  
7 instructions on, learn the latest know-how, regulations and  
8 technologies and be sufficiently trained in ensuring the safety and  
9 integrity of structures, both building and nonbuilding.

10 SEC. 3. Pursuant to its mandate under Section 8 of Republic  
11 Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of  
12 1994", the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is mandated to  
13 develop and include in the curriculum of the Bachelor of Science  
14 degree programs in Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering,  
15 Electrical Engineering, Sanitary Engineering, Electronics  
16 Engineering, and Architecture the study of the National Building  
17 Code of the Philippines (NBCP) as a major subject in the higher  
18 education curriculum of the architecture and engineering courses.

19 SEC. 4. The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) is  
20 hereby mandated to include the NBCP as a topic in the licensure  
21 examinations for the civil engineering, mechanical engineering,  
22 electrical engineering, sanitary engineering, electronics  
23 engineering, and architecture professions.

24 SEC. 5. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this  
25 Act, the CHED shall, in consultation with the PRC and other  
26 relevant stakeholders in higher education, promulgate the  
27 implementing rules and regulations necessary to ensure the  
28 efficient and effective implementation of this Act.

1        SEC. 6. All laws, decrees, provisions of charters, executive  
2 orders, ordinances, rules and regulations or other parts thereof  
3 contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are  
4 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

5        SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
6 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of  
7 general circulation.

Approved,

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