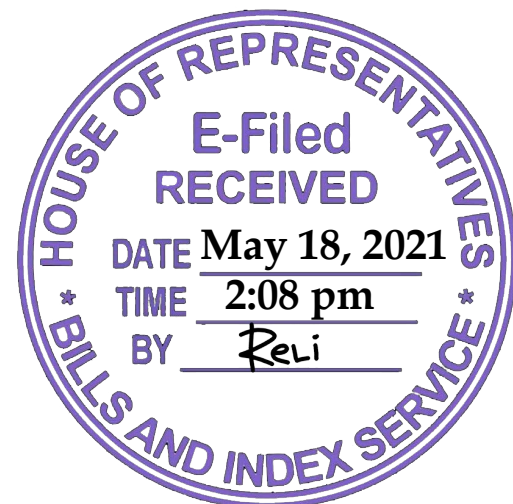


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House Bill No. 9356



Introduced by Representative ERIC GO YAP and PAOLO Z. DUTERTE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On September 11, 2020, Republic Act (RA) No. 11494, otherwise known as the "*Bayanihan to Recover as One Act*," was enacted to provide government funds to stimulate the economy while strengthening the health sector and the government's response to the ongoing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. It provides for a stimulus package of P140 billion in regular appropriation and P25 billion as standby funding. This law, however, was effective only until December 19, 2020.

To extend the availability of appropriations authorized under RA 11494, RA 11519, entitled "*An Act Extending the Availability of Appropriations under Republic Act No. 11494, otherwise known as the 'Bayanihan to Recover as One Act'*," was enacted on December 29, 2020. It provides that the appropriations authorized under the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act which includes the automatic appropriations of new programs, projects and activities pursuant to Section 4 thereof, shall be available and valid for release, obligation and disbursement until June 30, 2021. Specifically, RA 11519 extends the availability of appropriations of the following items as provided in Section 10 of RA 11494 until June 30, 2021:

1. Validity of Advices of Allotments issued by the Department of Budget and Management for fund releases;
2. Fund releases to local government units and government financial institutions and the utilization thereof for programs, projects and activities enumerated in Section 10 of RA 11494;
3. Release of allotment covered by the Standby Fund, subject to the fulfillment of the conditionalities stipulated under the same section; and
4. Release, obligations and disbursement of all unreleased appropriations authorized in the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act.

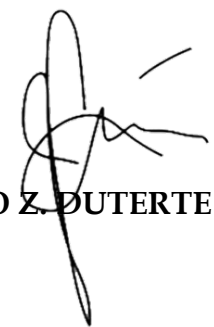
Despite its best efforts to complete its programs and initiatives to help the Filipino people rise above the adversity brought about by the pandemic, the government finds it difficult to finish the disbursement of the allocated funds to all the beneficiaries by June 30, 2021.

Hence, this proposed measure seeks to extend further the release, obligation and disbursement of appropriations or funds provided under the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act from June 30, 2021 to December 30, 2021 to allow the government to continue its programs and endeavors taken under the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act and ensure that no unspent funds would be reverted to the treasury at the end of the year. With the extension, the people are assured that the allocated funds will be completely released to the intended beneficiaries and help them cope with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
FURTHER EXTENDING THE RELEASE, OBLIGATION AND DISBURSEMENT
OF APPROPRIATIONS OR FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO.
11494, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “BAYANIHAN TO RECOVER AS ONE
ACT,” AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11519, ENTITLED
“AN ACT EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS UNDER
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11494, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “BAYANIHAN TO
RECOVER AS ONE ACT”

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 11519 is hereby amended to read as follows:

*“SECTION 1. Extension of the Availability of Appropriations. – The appropriations authorized under Republic Act No. 11494 or the “Bayanihan to Recover as One Act” which includes, among others, the automatic appropriations of new programs, projects, and activities pursuant to Section 4 thereof, shall be available for release, obligation and disbursement until [June 30, 2021] **DECEMBER 31, 2021**: *Provided*, That the appropriations sourced from reprogrammed, reallocated or realigned savings in Republic Act No. 11465 or the 2020 GAA for programs and projects for COVID-19 interventions shall be valid for release, obligation, and disbursement in accordance with the provisions of the 2020 GAA: *Provided, further*, That the use of such appropriations shall continue to be governed by the provisions of Section 4 of the Bayanihan to recover as One Act. The special and general provisions of the 2020 GAA shall be supplementary thereto provided it is not inconsistent with the said provision.”*

*“The balances of fund transfers between agencies, instrumentalities and government-owned and -controlled corporations which, while obligated, remain unused, unutilized, unexpended, and undisbursed as of [June 30, 2021] **DECEMBER 31, 2021** shall revert to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.”*

“xxx.”

SEC. 2. Section 4 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

*“SEC. 4. Applicability to Local Government Units (LGUs) and the Government Financial Institutions (GFIs). - The fund releases to the LGUs, and GFIs for programs, projects and activities enumerated in Section 10 of the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act shall be valid for release, obligation, and disbursement until [June 30, 2021] **DECEMBER 31, 2021**, except for the balances of the fund releases to the LGUs and GFIs sourced from savings in the 2020 GAA which shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the 2020 GAA.”*

SEC. 3. Section 5 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

*“SEC. 5. Allotment Releases from the Standby Fund. - Appropriations covered by the standby fund as provided in Section 10 of the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act shall be available for release, obligation, and disbursement up to [June 30, 2021] **DECEMBER 31, 2021**, subject to the fulfillment of the conditionalities stipulated under the same section of the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act.”*

SEC. 4. Any provision of Republic Act No. 11519, entitled *“An Act Extending the Availability of Appropriations under Republic Act No. 11494, otherwise known as the “Bayanihan to Recover as One Act,”* and any other law, decree, order, or rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,