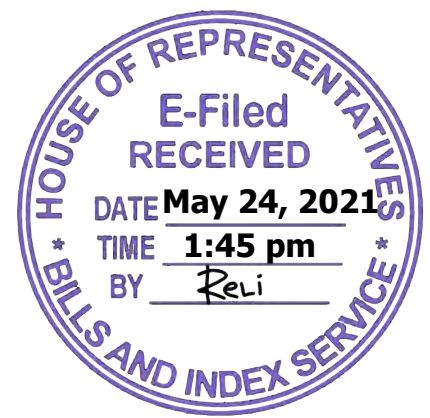


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. **988**

Submitted by the Committees on Economic Affairs, Social Services, Appropriations, and Ways and Means on **May 24, 2021**

Re: House Bill No. **9411**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8628 and in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 7620, 8031, 8059, 8597, 9089, 9185, and House Resolution No. 1718

Sponsors: Representatives Sharon Garin, Alfred D. Vargas, Eric Go Yap, Joey Sarte Salceda, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Jose **Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez**, and Stella Luz Quimbo

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Economic Affairs, Social Services, Appropriations, and Ways and Means, to which were referred House Bill No. 8628, introduced by Representatives Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco and Stella Luz A. Quimbo, entitled:

"AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL MECHANISMS TO ACCELERATE THE RECOVERY AND BOLSTER THE RESILIENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

House Bill No. 7620, introduced by Representatives Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Ferdinand R. Gaité, Eufemia "Ka Femia" C. Cullamat, Arlene D. Brosas, France L. Castro, and Sarah Jane I. Elago, entitled:

"AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR A PEOPLE'S STRATEGY FOR STRENGTHENING HEALTH, SOCIAL PROTECTION, ECONOMIC AND LOCAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHIELD) IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND ITS ECONOMIC IMPACT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";

House Bill No. 8031, introduced by Representative Stella Luz A. Quimbo, entitled:

"AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL MECHANISMS TO ACCELERATE THE RECOVERY AND BOLSTER THE RESILIENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

House Bill No. 8059, introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Sharon S. Garin, and Joey Sarte Salceda, entitled:

"AN ACT

PROVIDING MECHANISMS FOR ACCELERATED ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND SOCIOECONOMIC RELIEF, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

House Bill No. 8597, introduced by **Representatives Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano**, Maria Laarni I. Cayetano, Luis Raymond "LRay" F. Villafuerte, Jr., Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu, Dan S. Fernandez, Michael T. Defensor, and "Kuya" Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado, entitled:

"AN ACT

PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FILIPINOS TO AID IN MITIGATING THE EFFECTS OF THE CURRENT CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC"; and

House Bill No. 9089, introduced by Representatives Arlene D. Brosas, Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Ferdinand R. Gaité, Eufemia "Ka Femia" C. Cullamat, France L. Castro, and Sarah Jane I. Elago, entitled:

"AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR A TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000) EMERGENCY CASH AID FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE SEVERE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AND SERIES OF CALAMITIES AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC",

House Bill No. 9185, introduced by Representative Joy Myra S. Tambunting, entitled:

"AN ACT

AUGMENTING THE STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY INTERVENTIONS AND PROVIDING MECHANISMS TO STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAME, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", and

House Resolution No. 1718, introduced by Representative **Florida "Rida" P. Robes**, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE FULL SOLIDARITY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 8628 OR AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL MECHANISMS TO ACCELERATE THE RECOVERY AND BOLSTER THE RESILIENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (BAYANIHAN 3)",

have considered the same and recommend the approval of House Bill No. **9411** entitled:

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known and cited as “*Bayanihan* to Arise
2 as One Act”.

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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote
5 a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation
6 and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services,
7 promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.
8 Towards this end, and in cognizance of the adverse impact of the 2019 Coronavirus Disease
9 (COVID-19) pandemic on the Philippine economy and society, the State shall introduce
10 additional mechanisms to achieve the following objectives:

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- 12 (a) Mitigate the economic and health cost and losses stemming from the COVID-
13 19 pandemic;
- 14 (b) Restore public trust and confidence in social and economic institutions; and
- 15 (c) Accelerate the recovery and bolster the resilience of the Philippine economy and
16 public health through measures grounded on inclusivity and sustainability.

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CHAPTER I

19

General Provisions

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SEC. 3. Types of Interventions. – The interventions shall be classified as follows:

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22 a. **Kalinga:** Kalinga interventions are fiscal government programs and projects intended to
23 alleviate the effects of COVID-19 by providing direct emergency and social amelioration or
24 assistance to Filipinos.

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26 b. **Kabuhayan:** Livelihood interventions are fiscal and non-fiscal relief, through existing
27 government programs and projects, and are intended to ensure that Filipinos would have
28 sustainable sources of income and that businesses would be able to support operations and
income despite the impact of the COVID-19 crisis.

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30 c. **Kalusugan:** Food security and health interventions are fiscal and non-fiscal relief,
31 through existing government programs and projects, and are intended to ensure that every
32 Filipino would have access to sufficient and stable quantity of affordable food and quality
health services despite the impact of the COVID-19 crisis.

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1 The implementation of the aforesaid interventions shall be done in three (3) phases. Phase
2 1 shall be completed within three (3) months from the effectivity of this Act. Phase 2 shall be
3 completed within three (3) months from the end of the Phase 1 and Phase 3 shall be completed
4 within six (6) months from the end of Phase 2.

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CHAPTER II

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Kalinga

8 **SEC. 4. *Ayuda to all Filipinos.*** – To provide assistance to all Filipinos impacted by
9 the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall
10 implement an emergency and special COVID-19 assistance program (hereinafter referred to
11 as *Ayuda*), for each and every living Filipino as of the date of promulgation of this Act through
12 a cash subsidy program of One thousand pesos (Php1,000.00) to be distributed within one (1)
13 month after the promulgation of this Act and another One thousand pesos (Php1,000.00) to be
14 distributed within three (3) months thereafter.

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16 For the implementation of Phase 1 of the program, the amount of One hundred and
17 eight billion pesos (Php108,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated. the said funds shall be
18 immediately released to the DSWD upon the effectivity of this Act. The amount of One
19 hundred and eight billion pesos (Php108,000,000,000.00) stand-by fund is appropriated to
20 DWSW for the implementation of this Section for Phase 2.

21 By order of prioritization in funding, the appropriations authorized under this Section
22 shall take precedence over other appropriations made in this Act: *Provided*, That in the event
23 that the funding appropriated under this Section is not fully utilized, the remaining balance
24 shall be appropriated for the implementation of Sections 7 and 9 of this Act.

25 **SEC. 5. *Qualified Filipinos for Ayuda.*** – Any living Filipino national, regardless of
26 age, shall be qualified to receive *Ayuda* as described under Section 4 of this Act: *Provided*, that
27 any Filipino, without need of any valid or justifiable reason, may voluntarily opt not to receive
28 the *Ayuda* herein described.

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30 **SEC. 6. *Listing and Distribution.*** – The DSWD and the Department of the Interior
31 and Local Government (DILG), through the assistance of the local government units (LGUs)
32 shall prepare the list of the recipients not later than one (1) month after the effectivity of this

1 Act. The Community-Based Monitoring System, the Philippine Census of Population and
2 Housing and all other pertinent information available at the LGUs and in National Government
3 Agencies may be used as references for the generation of the list of recipients.

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5 In addition to the provisions of the Republic Act No. 9485, otherwise known as the
6 Anti-Red Tape Act, digital payments or any other systems of payment with minimal face-to-
7 face transactions shall be encouraged in the distribution of the *Ayuda*. The LGU shall create a
8 Grievance and Appeals Committee to receive and act expeditiously on all complaints coming
9 from constituents. The Committee shall establish a hotline to receive and act expeditiously on
10 all complaints.

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12 The DSWD, in coordination with the DILG, shall issue the rules and regulations to
13 implement this Section.

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15 **SEC. 7. *Ayuda* for Quarantine-Affected Households.** – To provide assistance to all
16 households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the DSWD shall implement a social
17 amelioration program for food security through a one-time cash subsidy program of Five
18 thousand pesos (Php5,000.00) to Ten thousand pesos (Php10,000.00) for every affected
19 household in areas declared under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) or any other type
20 of COVID-19 quarantine that may be of the same or stricter level of restrictions as an ECQ,
21 as defined at the date of the promulgation of this Act. The number of household members, cost
22 of living and the level and duration of the quarantine shall be considered in determining the
23 amount of the *Ayuda* for affected households as described under this Section.

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25 The DSWD shall utilize the General Appropriations Act 2021 budget for Assistance
26 to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) for the implementation of this Section.

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28 **SEC. 8. Special Congressional Oversight on *Ayuda*.** – There is hereby created a
29 Special Congressional Oversight Committee on *Ayuda* for the proper implementation,
30 monitoring and auditing of this Program, especially the listing and distribution as described
31 under Section 6 of this Act. The DSWD, DILG and LGUs shall submit weekly reports to the
32 Special Congressional Oversight Committee on *Ayuda*: *Provided*, That the weekly reports
33 shall include comprehensive progress or accomplishment reports on the releases, balances,

1 obligations, disbursements, and any other information that will ensure a transparent, valid and
2 efficient implementation of the *Ayuda* funding.

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4 The Committee shall be jointly chaired by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
5 and the Senate President, who shall each designate five (5) members from their respective
6 Houses as members.

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CHAPTER III

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Kabuhayan

9 **SEC. 9. Emergency Assistance to Households.** – To provide emergency assistance
10 to households and individuals affected by crises during the pandemic, the amount of Twelve
11 billion pesos (Php12,000,000,000.00) is appropriated for additional funds of the DSWD to be
12 immediately released for its AICS program to address crisis response and recovery and to
13 procure food packs subject to the existing rules and regulations of the DSWD. Stand-by funds
14 are likewise appropriated for the AICS program in the amount of Twelve billion pesos
15 (Php12,000,000,000.00) for Phase 2 and Six billion pesos (Php6,000,000,000.00) for Phase 3.
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17 **SEC. 10. Wage Subsidies.** – To assist Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
18 (MSMEs), the Small Business Wage Subsidy (SBWS) program of the Department of Finance
19 (DOF), the Social Security System (SSS), and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) shall be
20 continued and expanded, especially to MSMEs that have been highly impacted by the COVID-
21 19 crisis: *Provided*, That the amount of wage subsidy to a qualified employee shall not be
22 lower than Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) but not higher than Eight thousand pesos
23 (P8,000.00), as may be determined by the implementing agency.
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25 The amount of Eight billion pesos (Php8,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated to the
26 SBWS program for the implementation of this Section. Stand-by funds are likewise
27 appropriated for the SBWS program amounting to Eight billion pesos (Php8,000,000,000.00)
28 for Phase 2 and Four billion pesos (Php4,000,000,000.00) for Phase 3.
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30 **SEC. 11. Assistance to Displaced/Disadvantaged Workers.** – To provide temporary
31 employment to displaced workers, including overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and
32 freelancers, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) shall expand the *Tulong*
33 *Panghanapbuhay sa Ating* Displaced/Disadvantaged Workers (TUPAD), COVID-19
34 Adjustment Measures Program (CAMP) and *Abot Kamay ang Pagtulong* (AKAP) Program.

1 The amount of Ten billion pesos (Php10,000,000,000.00) is appropriated to the DOLE
2 for the implementation of this Section. Stand-by funds are likewise appropriated to the DOLE
3 for the implementation of this Section in the amount of Ten billion pesos
4 (Php10,000,000,000.00) for Phase 2, and Five billion pesos (Php5,000,000,000.00) for Phase
5 3.

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7 **SEC. 12. Training Subsidy for Affected Seafarers and Land-based Workers.** - To
8 ensure the attainment of required competence and proper job-related certification of
9 unemployed seafarers and land-based OFWs, the DOLE, TESDA, National Maritime
10 Polytechnic (NMP) and other relevant government agencies shall subsidize competency
11 training, including updating training, of OFWs. For this purpose, only OFWs who have not
12 been deployed within the last twelve (12) months from the effectivity of this Act shall be
13 qualified.

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15 To facilitate the training of seafarers and land-based OFWs, the DOLE, TESDA, NMP
16 and other government agencies tasked to implement this program shall be allowed to enter into
17 contracts with privately-owned training centers for the implementation of the subsidized
18 training program for OFWs.

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20 **SEC. 13. Entrepreneurship and Skills Training.** - To develop the entrepreneurial
21 mindset of Filipino beneficiaries, the DTI, DA, BFAR, DSWD, TESDA, and other relevant
22 government agencies shall develop and provide free online entrepreneurship and skills training,
23 in partnership with the LGUs, to the beneficiaries under Chapter II and Chapter III of this Act.

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25 **SEC. 14. Assistance to Drivers and Transport Workers** - The service contracting
26 being implemented by the DOTr, in coordination with the DILG, pursuant to Section 4 (fff) of
27 Republic Act No. 11494, otherwise known as the Bayanihan to Arise as One Act, shall include
28 service contracting of public safety utility vehicles negotiated with transport service providers,
29 transport cooperatives and/or LGUs. The DOTr is directed to continue coordinating the
30 accelerated distribution of the remaining interventions under Republic Act No. 11494 or this
31 Act to driver-beneficiaries and other transport workers, and ensure the full utilization of the
32 said subsidy prior to the expiration of the term provided for the same. The DOTr shall also
33 establish the Project Management Office (PMO) and procure the necessary technology for the
34 implementation of the program, utilizing part of the appropriated amount. All laws, decrees,

1 orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Section are hereby repealed
2 or amended accordingly: *Provided*, That unless otherwise provided for in this Act, no
3 additional appropriation is hereby mandated for this Section, and the validity of the
4 appropriations specified under Republic Act No. 11494, Section 4(fff), shall be extended
5 during the effectivity of this Act.

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7 **SEC. 15. COVID-19 Economic Recovery.** – The COVID-19 economic recovery
8 interventions under Bayanihan to Recover as One Act or Republic Act No. 11494, specifically
9 Sec. 4 (m), (z), (mm), (tt), (xx), (fff), and (iii), are hereby adopted as part of this Act: *Provided*,
10 That all laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act
11 are hereby repealed or amended accordingly: *Provided further*, That unless otherwise provided
12 for in this Act, no additional appropriation is hereby mandated for the Sections specified herein
13 above, and the validity of the appropriations specified under Republic Act No. 11494 for the
14 specified Sections shall be extended during the effectivity of this Act.

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16 **SEC. 16. Procurement of Goods and Services.** – Notwithstanding any law to the
17 contrary, goods and services required to address contingencies arising from natural or man-
18 made calamities that shall accelerate the recovery and bolster the resiliency of the economy,
19 including the goods and services needed to improve the digital infrastructure that supports all
20 government functions, shall be procured in the most judicious, economical, and expeditious
21 manner, and shall be exempted from the provisions on bidding processes required under
22 Republic Act No. 9184, otherwise known as the “Government Procurement Reform Act” and
23 other relevant laws: *Provided*, That the following information and documents related to the
24 procurement shall be published in the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) online
25 portal, the website of the procuring entity concerned, if available, and at any conspicuous place
26 to be reserved for this purpose in the premises of the procuring entity within five (5) working
27 days from the date of acceptance of the award:

- 28 (i) Project name;
- 29 (ii) Approved budget for contract;
- 30 (iii) Contract period;
- 31 (iv) Name of winning supplier, distributor, manufacturer, contractor, or consultant;
- 32 (v) Amount of contract as awarded;
- 33 (vi) Notice of award;
- 34 (vii) Date of award and acceptance;

- 1 (viii) Contract or purchase order; and
2 (ix) A certification stating that the procuring entity exerted all efforts to secure the
3 price most advantageous to the government based on existing price data of the agency, the
4 Department of Trade and Industry, or other relevant agencies or preliminary market scanning
5 done by the agency documenting prevailing market prices and practices: *Provided however,*
6 That notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, advance payment for contracted goods and
7 services not exceeding fifty percent (50%) of the contract amount, shall be allowed in the
8 procurement of goods under this Section, unless otherwise directed by the President of the
9 Philippines.

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11 **CHAPTER IV**

12 ***Kalusugan***

13 **SEC. 17. National Nutrition.** – The Department of Social Welfare and Development
14 (DSWD) and the Department of Education (DepEd), in close coordination with the LGUs and
15 other concerned agencies shall fully implement the *Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang*
16 *Pilipino* Act of 2017 (Republic Act No. 11037) for Filipino children in day care centers,
17 kindergartens and elementary schools.

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19 The DOH, in coordination with the National Nutrition Council (NNC), the Department of
20 Agriculture (DA), the LGUs, and other National Government Agencies shall fully implement
21 the Republic Act No. 11148, otherwise known as the *Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay*
22 Act to ensure that nutrition and health interventions and services under the said Act are
23 delivered at the barangay level. Priority shall be given to services and interventions that boost
24 immunity against COVID-19, as determined by the Department of Health (DOH).

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26 Stand-by funds of Three billion pesos (P3,000,000,000.00) for Phase 2 shall be
27 appropriated for the implementation of Republic Act No. 11037. Stand-by funds of Three
28 billion pesos (P3,000,000,000.00) for Phase 2 shall be appropriated for the implementation of
29 Republic Act No. 11148.

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32 **SEC. 18. Assistance to the Agri-Fishery Sector.** – The Department of Agriculture
33 (DA) and such other agencies or instrumentalities, shall continue the Enhanced Plant, Plant,
34 Plant Program and any other relevant programs, including subsidies, loans, grants, and

1 necessary capacity building assistance to farmers, livestock producers, and fisherfolk to
2 improve the agri-fishery industry and ensure food security.

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4 The DA shall prioritize for funding programs and interventions that directly and
5 effectively address the most urgent food security concerns, such as price and supply pressures
6 on the domestic swine industry and supply-chain issues on vegetables. The National Economic
7 and Development Authority (NEDA) shall assist the DA in identifying which interventions
8 will provide the highest socioeconomic returns towards food security and farmer income
9 security and welfare.

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11 Stand-by funds for the implementation of this section are appropriated in the amount
12 of Fifteen billion pesos (Php15,000,000,000.00) for Phase 2 and Fifteen billion pesos
13 (Php15,000,000,000.00) for Phase 3 shall be appropriated for the implementation of this
14 Section.

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16 **SEC. 19. Assistance to the Cooperatives.** – The amount of Two Billion pesos
17 (P2,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated to the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA)
18 for financial grants and technical assistance to the cooperatives registered under CDA that are
19 adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

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21 The Two Billion Pesos (Php2,000,000.00) shall be appropriated as follows: One Billion pesos
22 (p1,000,000.00) for Phase 2 and One billion Pesos (p1,000,000.00) for Phase 3.

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24 **SEC. 20. Medical Assistance to Indigents.** – The Medical Assistance for Indigents
25 Program (MAIP) of the Department of Health (DOH) shall be augmented as additional
26 medical response for the targeted indigent beneficiaries.

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28 The amount of Three billion pesos (Php3,000,000,000.00) is appropriated to the DOH
29 for the implementation of this Section. Stand-by funds are likewise appropriated to the DOH
30 in the amount of Three billion pesos (Php3,000,000,000.00) for the implementation of Phase 2
31 and Three billion pesos (Php3,000,000,000.00) for Phase 3 of the MAIP.

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33 **SEC. 21. Provision of Free Swab Tests for Seafarers and Overseas Filipino**
34 **Workers (OFWs).** – To help facilitate the safe return to their place of residence or their

1 immediate deployment for overseas employment, seafarers and OFWs shall be entitled to free
2 swabbing and reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) testing, which shall
3 be provided upon arrival or before departure at all international airports and seaports
4 nationwide and in accredited testing centers.

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6 The amount of Five hundred million pesos (Php500,000,000.00) is appropriated to the
7 Department of Transportation for the implementation of this Section in Phase 1.

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9 **SEC. 22. Special Risk Allowance for Medical Frontliners.** - The COVID-19 special
10 risk allowance being provided by the national government pursuant to Section 4 (h) of the
11 Republic Act No. 11494 shall continue and shall be available to all public and private health
12 workers working on a permanent or temporary basis, and catering to or in contact with COVID-
13 19 patients, either directly or indirectly, for every month that they are serving, including the
14 period they are unable to serve due to COVID-19 hospitalization, during the state of national
15 emergency as declared by the President: *Provided*, That the COVID-19 special risk allowance
16 of public health workers shall be in addition to the hazard pay granted under Republic Act No.
17 7305 or the "Magna Carta of Public Health Workers" and the active hazard duty pay granted
18 under this Act: *Provided, further*, That the COVID-19 special risk allowance for both public
19 and private health workers shall be exempt from income tax.

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21 **SEC. 23. COVID-19 Health Response.** – The COVID-19 response and recovery
22 interventions under Republic Act No. 11494, otherwise known as the Bayanihan to Recover as
23 One Act under Sec. 4 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (s), (t) (w), (xxx) and (yyy) are
24 hereby adopted as part of this Act: *Provided*, That all laws, decrees, orders, rules and
25 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended
26 accordingly: *Provided further*, That unless otherwise provided for in this Act, no additional
27 appropriation is hereby mandated for the Sections specified herein above, and the validity of
28 the appropriations specified under Republic Act No. 11494 for the specified Sections shall be
29 extended during the effectivity of this Act.

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31 **SEC. 24. Emergency Use of Private Sector Facilities for Public Health Purposes.**
32 – In order to preserve and promote public health, the President of the Philippines may direct
33 the operation of any hotel, transient lodging, other privately owned structure, building or
34 vessel to serve as isolation or quarantine facilities, temporary medical facilities, and medical

1 relief and aid distribution locations. The DOH shall prescribe the minimum standards
2 necessary for the operation of such temporary facilities: *Provided*, That in cases where the
3 foregoing enterprises so desire to undertake management of said temporary medical or
4 isolation operations, it may do so in partnership with duly licensed private medical service
5 providers or hospitals, and such operations including pricing shall be fully regulated by the
6 DOH: *Provided, further*, that in identifying which enterprises or properties will be temporarily
7 used as isolation or quarantine facilities, temporary medical facilities, and medical relief and
8 aid distribution locations, hotels, and similar facilities which have not been able to operate
9 during the quarantine periods shall first be selected and utilized: *Provided further*, that should
10 there be need to re-purpose other private enterprises, properties or structures to address the
11 public health requirements, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging
12 Infectious Diseases (IATF–EID), together with the Department of Tourism, shall identify and
13 select the private enterprise, property or structure.

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15 The owner or operator of the enterprise or property herein referred to shall be given
16 just compensation for the use of their facilities and properties and shall receive such
17 compensation on a monthly basis from the start of operation of the temporary facilities:
18 *Provided*, That compensation will be jointly determined by owners or operators of the
19 enterprise or property and the Office of the President of the Philippines, with the latter as
20 Payor: *Provided further*, That reasonable compensation for reopening costs necessary to
21 restore the subject property to its original operational state, including any additional damage
22 or costs incurred by the owner or possessor of the subject property solely on account of
23 complying with the directive of the President of the Philippines shall be given to the person
24 entitled to the possession of such private properties or businesses after proper accounting and
25 assessment have been done: *Provided finally*, That in determining the just and reasonable
26 compensation to be paid to owners or operators of hotels, transient lodgings, other privately
27 owned structures, buildings or vessels as provided herein, the Office of the President of the
28 Philippines shall pay no less than the posted industry standard rates of Bureau of Quarantine-
29 accredited hotels and transient lodgings for both stringent and mandatory quarantine facilities.

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31 PhilHealth shall include the payments due for hospital care while in these temporary
32 facilities in the COVID-19 benefit packages available for all Filipinos who are so confined in
33 said facilities.

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1 **SEC. 25. Strengthening the Capacity of Suppliers of Essential COVID-19 Goods**
2 **and Services.** - To ensure the supply of goods and services that are essential to control COVID-
3 19 transmission and to attain herd immunity, the DTI and the DOH shall identify segments of
4 the health sector that shall be prioritized for the availment of support programs provided in this
5 Section. The identification of priority segments shall be based on the nature and extent of
6 market failures in such segments that result in gaps in the supply chain or a lack of investments,
7 and which may have implications on national health security.

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9 A. Regulatory Relief: The Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), together with the DTI,
10 and in coordination with the DOH and the relevant regulatory agencies and local government
11 units, shall simplify and shorten new business registration processes for all enterprises in the
12 identified priority segments of the health sector.

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14 B. Loans: The Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and the Development Bank of the
15 Philippines (DBP) shall introduce an interest-free or low interest Loan Program for covered
16 enterprises in priority segments: Provided, That MSMEs, including start-ups, are prioritized:
17 Provided further, That loan approval processes are streamlined and expedited for covered
18 enterprises.

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20 The President of the Philippines shall have the power to (i) declare a moratorium period
21 for MSME loans provided hereunder; (ii) make emergency loans available to MSMEs for
22 additional capital outlay under this Section; and (iii) relax regulations to ensure that MSMEs
23 have facilitated access to the loan facility provided herein.

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25 C. Technical Assistance: The DTI and DOH shall provide technical assistance or offer
26 grants for the education, training, and advising of covered enterprises on the following:

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28 (i) Innovation in business operations, including product research and development, and
29 digital transformation of management, production, distribution, retail, and other
30 business areas, to ensure resilience to future disruptions including managing the risk of
31 cyber threats;

32 (ii) Upskilling and reskilling of workers to adapt to the new nature of work; and

33 (iii) Market assistance on the identification of new market trends, to allow enterprises
34 to pivot to high-value and high-necessity products, including any activity that supports

1 initiatives of the DOH that are geared towards ensuring an adequate and responsive
2 supply of health care goods and services.

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4 D. Support for Research and Development (R&D): The DOST and DTI shall provide
5 R&D support for covered enterprises through grants, subsidies, use of government laboratories
6 and testing facilities, commercialization of R&D investments, and other innovation initiatives
7 to facilitate the creation and market expansion of health care goods and services.

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9 **SEC. 26. Strategies for COVID-19 Herd Immunity. –**

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11 (A) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of existing laws and rules and regulations:

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13 (1) All provinces, cities and municipalities are now authorized to directly procure
14 COVID-19 vaccines from legitimate suppliers duly accredited by the DOH:
15 *Provided*, That the LGUs will still comply with the conditions imposed under
16 international agreements and the reportorial and monitoring requirements of the
17 DOH and FDA: *Provided, further*, That the conditions imposed under Section 4 of
18 Republic Act No. 11595, otherwise known as the COVID-19 Vaccination Program
19 Act of 2021.

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21 (2) Private entities are now authorized to directly procure COVID-19 vaccines from
22 legitimate suppliers duly accredited by the DOH: *Provided*, That such private
23 entities shall comply with the conditions imposed under international agreements
24 and the reportorial and monitoring requirements of the DOH and FDA: *Provided*,
25 *further*, That the conditions imposed under Section 5 of Republic Act No. 11595,
26 otherwise known as the COVID-19 Vaccination Program Act of 2021: *Provided*,
27 *furthermore*, That with the exception of those procured by private entities and
28 donated to the national government through the DOH, all other vaccines, supplies
29 or services procured by private entities shall be for the sole and exclusive use of
30 such private entities; and

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32 (3) Duly licensed dentist, medical technologist and other personnel who are duly
33 trained and licensed by the DOH may administer COVID-19 vaccines that are
34 registered with the FDA.

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(B) Standards for Vaccination Rollout. – All LGUs shall adopt minimum standards for the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination program as determined by the DOH, including, but not limited to, the minimum number of vaccination sites, vaccinators, and other vaccination personnel per locality, based on local population. The DOH shall determine the prioritization standards for the allocation of COVID-19 vaccine doses per locality, based on the number of COVID-19 cases.

(C) LGUs are further encouraged to adopt strategies and implement measures that provide timely, accessible, and adequate information on COVID-19 vaccines and the vaccination program and that reduce the inconvenience of inoculation for the public, and other such measures which aim to reduce vaccine hesitancy and promote vaccination among their constituencies. LGUs may also offer incentives to constituents for completing their COVID-19 vaccinations. Private entities may likewise provide incentives for employees who complete their COVID-19 vaccinations.

The IATF-EID shall set specific performance targets for LGU vaccination to help ensure an efficient vaccine rollout nationwide and achieve herd immunity. The DOH is hereby authorized to give performance-based grants to LGUs who meet such targets within the determined timeframe.

CHAPTER V
Support to LGUs

SEC. 27. LGU Funds. – The LGUs may increase their respective personnel services cap by up to ten percent (10%) for first (1st) to third (3rd) class municipalities and up to five percent (5%) for the fourth (4th) to sixth (6th) class municipalities, and cities, and provinces: *Provided*, That the same shall be used for the hiring of additional health workers, the generation of temporary jobs for marginalized and hard-hit sectors as well as for other emergency employment programs undertaken by the LGU in response to the COVID-19 pandemic: *Provided further*, That the allowable debt service ceiling of LGUs shall be increased to thirty percent (30%) of their annual regular income including their share in the national taxes: *Provided finally*, That the LGUs shall be exempt from the loan ceiling cap imposed by the Department of Finance (DOF).

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The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) shall automatically and completely release any adjusted or remaining shares of LGUs in national wealth and National Tax Allotment (NTA) pursuant to Section 286 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the "Local Government Code of 1991".

For Phase 2 of the implementation of this Section, the amount of Three billion pesos (Php3,000,000,000.00) is appropriated to the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) to provide financial assistance to LGUs in their local anti-COVID efforts.

SEC. 28. Expanded Use of Special Education Fund. – Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 272 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the “Local Government Code of 1991”, a portion of the Special Education Fund may be used to support the educational arrangements and adjustments necessary to support the safe continuation of learning during the pandemic.

Authorized expenditures shall include support of alternative learning modalities, digital education, digital infrastructure and continuity plans, such as the purchase of equipment, materials, and supplies related thereto, printing and delivery of self-learning modules, provision of safe schools infrastructure, equipment and facilities such as hand-washing stations, soap, alcohol, sanitizers, .and other disinfecting solutions, as well as medical health supplies deemed appropriate by public health officials such as thermometers, face masks, and face shields, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules.

SEC. 29. Stand-by Loans. – Extension of the term of standby loans entered into by LGUs shall be allowed.

SEC. 30. Funds Held in Trust. – Unexpended cash balances of public funds held in trust by LGUs, the purposes of which have been deemed to be completed or abandoned, shall be utilized; and their transfer to the general fund of the LGUs concerned shall be made available for appropriation to support local government programs and projects in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SEC. 31. Municipal Development Fund. – Any unutilized or unreleased balance in the Municipal Development Fund created under Presidential Decree No. 1914, including

1 investments and undrawn portions of all loans, realigned for purposes of paying outstanding
2 LGU obligations. All such unspent, unutilized, unreleased, or undrawn money or funds shall
3 be utilized and are hereby automatically appropriated for LGU loans and borrowings from the
4 respective GFIs, including the provision of loan interest rate subsidy until 2022, and other
5 measures to address the COVID-19 situation and to accomplish the declared national policy
6 herein: *Provided*, That all investments, loans, credits, grants, or other credit accommodations
7 existing at the time of effectivity of this Act shall be assigned to the GFIs, which shall
8 henceforth have all the rights and obligations of the fund over the funds appropriated under this
9 Section: *Provided, further*, That the assigned funds shall be accessed and utilized exclusively
10 by the LGUs: *Provided, furthermore*, That all approved loans and undisbursed balances for
11 committed LGU loans and borrowings shall continue to be disbursed and shall be
12 administered by the GFIs: *Provided, finally*, That any remaining proceeds of the Municipal
13 Development Fund Office (MDFO) investments in government securities are hereby
14 automatically appropriated for such measures that shall allow LGUs to respond appropriately
15 to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to accomplish the national policy declared
16 under this Act.

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CHAPTER VI

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Other Assistance

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21 **SEC. 32. Support to Retired Military and Uniformed Personnel** – The sum of Fifty-four
22 billion six hundred million pesos (Php54,600,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the
23 payment of pension arrears of the retired Military and Uniformed Personnel to help bridge their
24 financial needs and to cope with the challenges brought about by the pandemic.

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26 To implement this Section, Twenty billion pesos (Php20,000,000,000.00) shall be released
27 for Phase 1, Twenty billion pesos (Php20,000,000,000.00) shall be released for Phase 2, and
28 Fourteen billion six hundred million pesos (Php14,600,000,000.00) shall be released for Phase
29 3.

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31 **SEC. 33. Support to Basic Education.** - The amount of Four billion pesos
32 (Php4,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for Phase 1 of the implementation of this Section
33 to assist the DepEd in the implementation of its Digital Education, Information Technology
34 (IT) and Digital Infrastructure and Alternative Learning Modalities Program as part of
pandemic response and transition to a new normal. This amount is appropriated as follows:

- 1 (a) Three billion pesos (Php3,000,000,000.00) to provide tablets for students; and
2 (b) One billion pesos (Php1,000,000,000.00) to provide mobile and internet allowance
3 to DepEd personnel.
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5 **SEC. 34. Support for Teaching Personnel of Higher Education.** – The amount of
6 Five Hundred Million Pesos (P500,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for subsidies,
7 allowances, and other assistance for displaced or adversely affected teaching and non-teaching
8 personnel, including part-time faculty and contractual employees, in public and private higher
9 education institutions.
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11 **SEC. 35. Loan Assistance and Relief.** – (A) To address the financing concerns of
12 affected businesses and individuals during the pandemic, regulatory agencies and all
13 institutions under Sec. 4 (uu) of Republic Act No. 11494 are encouraged to enter into
14 restructuring arrangements of their outstanding loans. Such institutions are likewise
15 encouraged to suspend (i) the imposition of penalties and interests, (ii) any foreclosure
16 remedies, (iii) any declaration in default or termination of any agreement, in relation to the
17 payment of existing, current and outstanding loans taking into account the mandated
18 community quarantine periods imposed by the government.
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20 (B) The banks and other NBFIs that agree to loan term extension or restructuring
21 pursuant to this Section shall be entitled to regulatory reliefs, which may include, but not
22 limited to, (i) non-inclusion in the bank's or NBFIs reporting on non-performing loans, (ii)
23 exemption from loan-loss provisioning, (iii) exemption, when applicable, from the limits on
24 real estate loans, and (iv) exemption from related party transaction restrictions, as may be
25 determined by the BSP.
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27 (C)The BSP and the SEC are hereby encouraged to adopt measures such as relaxation
28 of regulatory and statutory restrictions and requirements for a period of not more than ten (10)
29 years from their date of effectivity with the end-in-view of encouraging the banking industry
30 and other financial institutions to extend loans and other forms of financial accommodation to
31 help business recover from the economic effects of COVID-19 crisis and to enable the banking
32 industry to manage appropriately its risks and potential losses.
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1 The BSP and the SEC are likewise hereby authorized to grant reporting relief to its
2 supervised entities by allowing staggered booking of allowance for credit losses for all types
3 of credit accommodations extended to individuals and business entities affected by COVID-
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6 (D) The LBP, DBP, Small Business Corporation and the Philippine Guarantee
7 Corporation (PGC) are all directed to enhance, expand and expedite the loan and guarantee
8 programs initiated under R.A. No. 11494 with authority to utilize any remaining available
9 funds for financing under the said Act. These financial institutions shall continue to
10 provide zero-interest loans for working capital and operating expenses of businesses affected
11 by the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to assist and encourage them and their creditors to
12 continue investing in, lending to and operating their businesses: Provided that the LBP, DBP,
13 SBC and PGC shall issue interim guidelines for such loan products to be offered under this
14 provision with the objective of expediting the grant of these loans to target borrowers.

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16 **SEC. 36. Immediate Availability of the Free Public Internet Fund, the National**
17 **Broadband Program Fund, and other Related Project, Activity and Programs.** – The Free
18 Public Internet Access Program (FPIAP) shall continue to be supported by the Free Public
19 Internet Access Fund (FPIAF) under RA No. 10929 as funded out of the Spectrum Users Fees
20 (SUF) and other funding sources. For purposes of accelerating the establishment of the critical
21 ICT infrastructures for the National Broadband Program (NBP), the National Broadband
22 Program Fund (NBPF) is hereby created to be funded out of the SUF and other available
23 funding sources as may be identified by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).
24 The SUF and the NBPF shall continue to be managed and administered by the DICT as the
25 implementing agency for the FPIAP and the NBP.

26
27 The entire SUF funds and/or related special purpose funds are hereby made immediately
28 available for utilization by the DICT for purposes of intensifying and accelerating its technical
29 support for the Covid-19 recovery and resiliency measures, which shall include but not be
30 limited to, the following:

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32 i) Build-up and roll out of the national broadband under the NBP;
33 ii) Propagation of FPIAP sites across the country;

1 iii) Providing connectivity for systems, platforms, applications, and other ICT resources
2 needed for the rollout of the government’s Covid-19 vaccination program in the
3 vaccination centers;

4 iv) Providing support, through the build-up of the ICT network, among others, for
5 distance/digital learning, e-commerce, e-governance, telemedicine, and other critical
6 government services/online transactions in order to address or alleviate the impact of the
7 Covid-19 pandemic upon government service and the public;

8 v) Procurement, acquisition, installation, commissioning, or deployment of ICT
9 infrastructure, equipment, devices, systems, software, goods or services that are
10 ancillary, necessary, or incidental to foregoing measures.

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12 The DICT is hereby authorized to classify the said funds as Capital Outlay (CO) or
13 Maintenance and Other Operating Expense (MOOE), which classification shall be furnished
14 to and duly reflected by the DBM in its records. The DBM and the Bureau of Treasury (BTr)
15 shall automatically and completely release such funds as the DICT may determine as necessary
16 to achieve the foregoing purposes.

17
18 **SEC. 37. Accelerated Implementation of FPIAP, NBP, and related PAPs.** – For
19 purposes of accelerating the implementation of the FPIAP, NBP, and such other ICT and ICT-
20 enabled government measures for the country’s Covid-19 recovery and resiliency, and within
21 the period specified in this Act, the DICT is hereby authorized to:

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23 1. Undertake in the most judicious, economical, and expeditious manner such direct or
24 ancillary procurement activities as it may deem necessary or incidental to attaining the
25 aforesaid purposes, as an exemption from the provisions of Republic Act No. 9184 or the
26 “Government Procurement Reform Act” and other relevant laws, subject to the conditions laid
27 down in Section 4 (u), RA 11494.

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29 2. Enter into and implement, in the most judicious, economical, and expeditious
30 manner, such direct or ancillary partnerships, cooperation agreements, contracts, and other
31 suitable arrangements as it may deem necessary or incidental to attaining the aforesaid
32 purposes.

1 (c) Excess revenue collections in any one of the identified tax or non-tax revenue
2 sources from its corresponding revenue collection target, as provided in the FY 2021 Budget
3 of Expenditures and Sources of Financing (BESF);

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5 (d) New revenue collections or those arising from new tax or non-tax sources which
6 are not part of nor included in the original sources included in the FY 2021 BESF;

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8 (e) Unutilized or unreleased balances in special purpose funds (SPFs): Any unutilized
9 or unreleased balance in special purpose funds (SPFs) shall be considered to have their purpose
10 abandoned during the state of national emergency as declared by the President of the
11 Philippines. All such unspent, unutilized or unreleased money or funds sourced from SPFs
12 shall be utilized and are hereby appropriated for such measures to address the COVID-19
13 situation and to accomplish the declared national policy herein;

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15 (f) Cash, funds, and investments held by any GOCC or any National Government
16 Agency: Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the President of the Philippines is hereby
17 authorized to allocate cash, funds, investments, including unutilized or unreleased subsidies
18 and transfers, held by any GOCC or any National Government Agency in order to address the
19 COVID-19 pandemic; and

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21 (g) Unused appropriation for debt servicing: Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,
22 the President of the Philippines may direct the discontinuance of unutilized automatic
23 appropriations for debt service and available appropriations for redemption of maturing
24 government securities and use the savings generated therefrom to augment the allocation for
25 any item necessary for the purposes identified in this Act. All amounts so reprogrammed,
26 reallocated, or realigned shall be deemed automatically appropriated for the said
27 purposes: *Provided*, That for interest payments, the savings will be generated from the unused
28 appropriations after actual payment of interest per month as reported by the Bureau of
29 Treasury to the DBM: *Provided further*, That for principal repayment, the savings will be
30 generated from the funds freed up as a result of a debt exchange by the BTr.

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1 (h) Appropriations for the implementation of this Act are summarized as follows:

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Program	Amounts in Billion Pesos			
	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	TOTAL
Ayuda to all Filipinos (DSWD)	108	108		216
Emergency Assistance to Affected Households (AICS - DWSD)	12	12	6	30
Wage Subsidies (SBWS - DOF, SSS, BIR)	8	8	4	20
Assistance to Displaced/Disadvantaged Workers (TUPAD, CAMP, AKAP - DOLE)	10	10	5	25
National Nutrition Assistance to the Agri-Fishery Sector		6		6
Assistance to the Cooperatives		15	15	30
Medical Assistance to Indigents Program (DOH)		1.0	1.0	2.0
Local Government Support Fund	3	3	3	9
RT-PCR for Seafarers and OFWs (DOTr)		3		3
Pension and Gratuity Fund	0.5			0.5
Support to Basic Education (DepEd)	20	20	14.6	54.6
Support for Higher Education	4.0			4.0
	0.5			0.5
TOTAL	165.9	186	48.6	401

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4 **SEC. 39. Lifting of Quick Response Fund Cap.** – The thirty percent (30%) cap on
5 the amount appropriated for the Quick Response Fund, as provided for in Republic Act No.
6 10121 or the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010", is hereby
7 lifted during the state of national emergency as declared by the President of the Philippines.

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9 **SEC. 40. BSP Provisional Advances.** – Notwithstanding Section 89 of Republic Act
10 No. 7653 or "The New Central Bank Act", as amended, the BSP is hereby authorized to make
11 additional direct provisional advances with or without interest to the National Government to
12 finance expenditures authorized by law that will address and respond to the COVID-19
13 situation: *Provided*, That such additional direct provisional advances shall not, in their
14 aggregate, exceed ten percent (10%) of the average income of the National Government for
15 FYs 2018 to 2020: *Provided further*, That said additional direct provisional advances shall be
16 availed of by the National Government within two (2) years from the effectivity of this
17 Act: *Provided furthermore*, That the additional direct provisional advances shall be repaid
18 before the end of one (1) year following the date that the National Government received such
19 additional direct provisional advances pursuant to this Act, extendible for another year as the
20 Monetary Board may allow.

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1 **SEC. 41. Remittance of GOCC Dividends.** – Within ninety (90) days from the
2 effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Finance shall draw up and submit to the Joint Executive-
3 Legislative *Bayanihan* Council a report containing the respective annual net earnings of all of
4 government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs) and their respective annual net
5 earnings for Fiscal Year 2020, and quarterly earnings for quarters preceding the effectivity of
6 this Act. The Joint Executive-Legislative *Bayanihan* Council shall recommend to the President
7 of the Philippines a list of GOCCs that may be mandated to increase their dividend remittances
8 to the government pursuant to Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7656: *Provided, That* proceeds
9 from the exercise of the power of the President of the Philippines to augment the percentage of
10 annual net earnings declared by a government-owned or -controlled corporation as dividends
11 to the National Government for the duration of the effectivity of this Act shall be used
12 exclusively to fund the appropriations made in this Act.

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14 **SEC. 42. Authority to Withdraw Capital.** – Upon the recommendation of the Joint
15 Executive-Legislative *Bayanihan* Council, the President of the Philippines is hereby
16 authorized, for the duration of the effectivity of this Act, to order the withdrawal capital from
17 GOCCs: *Provided, That* the following conditions are satisfied:

- 18 (a) The GOCC is overcapitalized and unable to deploy its excess capital;
19 (b) The GOCC is wholly owned by the National Government;
20 (c) A withdrawal of capital will not compromise the solvency or operations of the
21 GOCC; and
22 (d) There shall be proper consultation with the GOCC before it is included in the
23 list submitted by the Secretary of Finance: *Provided, That* GOCCs created or organized by law
24 to administer real or personal properties or funds held in trust for the use and for the benefit of
25 its members, shall not be covered by this Section.

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27 Proceeds from the exercise of the power of the President of the Philippines under this
28 Section shall be used exclusively to fund the appropriations made in this Act. The power
29 granted under this Section shall be exercised only to the extent necessary to fund the
30 appropriations in this Act.

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32 **SEC. 43. Long-term Plan for Economic Resilience.** – The NEDA shall submit to
33 Congress a long-term plan for building economic resilience, not later than six (6) months after
34 the effectivity of this Act. The Economic Resilience Plan (ERP) shall include a strategy for

1 measuring and monitoring economic resilience and identification of structural reforms needed
2 to increase the ability of the economy to withstand and recover from shocks. The plan shall
3 include the institutionalization of national measures that account for ecosystem services and
4 natural capital accounting and shall ensure that the totality of government medium-term
5 development plans and projects are well within the capacities to produce materials and services
6 as may be determined by NEDA. The ERP shall include the following:

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8 (a) The required investments in the health care sector in the next ten (10) years to ensure
9 its ability to respond to the health care needs of the population, including emerging
10 infectious diseases similar to COVID-19.

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12 (b) The required investment in digital infrastructure to improve connectivity and access
13 to digital technology to enable Philippine businesses and households to cope with crises
14 and shocks;

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16 (c) The required database to ensure the responsiveness of social protection programs of
17 the government for vulnerable and displaced households during periods of external
18 shocks such as the outbreak of COVID-19; and

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20 (d) The required key climate change adaptation and mitigation investments to
21 operationalize a low emissions and climate-resilient development pathway toward a
22 green economy.

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24 The ERP shall form part of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) of NEDA.

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26 **SEC. 44. Creation of the Joint Executive-Legislative Bayanihan Council.** – A Joint
27 Executive and Legislative *Bayanihan* Council is hereby created in order to monitor
28 disbursements under this Act. The *Bayanihan* Council (Council) shall be tasked with ensuring
29 that interventions are well-targeted to intended beneficiaries and funds are disbursed properly
30 and in a timely manner. The Council shall publicly publish monthly reports on all actions taken
31 under this Act.

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33 **SEC. 45. Composition of the Council.** – Members of the Council shall include the
34 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, seven (7) members of the

1 Cabinet to be designated by the President of the Philippines, one (1) member of the Senate to
2 be designated by the President of the Senate, and three (3) members of the House of
3 Representatives to be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least one
4 of whom shall come from the minority.

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CHAPTER IX

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Final Provisions

8 **SEC. 46. Reportorial Requirement.** –The President of the Philippines every first Monday
9 of the month, shall submit a monthly report to Congress and to the Commission on Audit
10 (COA) of all acts performed pursuant to this Act.

11 The terms and conditions of any loan entered into by the government to finance the
12 programs and projects to implement this law shall likewise be included in the Report. For this
13 purpose, all reports and information required under this Act shall be submitted to the Joint
14 Congressional Oversight Committee created under Republic Act No. 11494. The said
15 committee shall determine whether such acts, orders, rules and regulations are within the
16 restrictions provided herein.

17 **SEC. 47. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The implementing rules and
18 regulations necessary for this Act shall be issued by the President of the Philippines within
19 fifteen (15) days upon the effectivity of this Act.

20 **SEC. 48. Separability Clause.** – If any part, section or provision of this Act is held
21 invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
22 effect.

23 **SEC. 49. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts
24 thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

25 **SEC. 50. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication in
26 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation, until adjournment of the Third
27 Regular Session of the Eighteenth Congress in June 30, 2022.

28 Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 9411

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL MECHANISMS TO ACCELERATE THE
RECOVERY, BOLSTER THE RESILIENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY,
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 have sustainable sources of income and that businesses would be able to support operations
2 and income despite the impact of the COVID-19 crisis.

3 c. **Kalusugan:** Food security and health interventions are fiscal and non-fiscal relief,
4 through existing government programs and projects, and are intended to ensure that every
5 Filipino would have access to sufficient and stable quantity of affordable food and quality
6 health services despite the impact of the COVID-19 crisis.

7 The implementation of the aforesaid interventions shall be done in three (3) phases.

8 9 **CHAPTER II**

10 ***Kalinga***

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12 **SEC. 4. Ayuda to all Filipinos.** – To provide assistance to all Filipinos impacted by
13 the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall
14 implement an emergency and special COVID-19 assistance program (hereinafter referred to
15 as *Ayuda*), for each and every living Filipino as of the date of promulgation of this Act through
16 a cash subsidy program of One thousand pesos (Php1,000.00) to be distributed within one (1)
17 month after the promulgation of this Act and another One thousand pesos (Php1,000.00) to be
18 distributed within three (3) months thereafter.

19 For the implementation of Phase 1 of the program, the amount of One hundred and
20 eight billion pesos (Php108,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated. the said funds shall be
21 immediately released to the DSWD upon the effectivity of this Act. The amount of One
22 hundred and eight billion pesos (Php108,000,000,000.00) stand-by fund is appropriated to
23 DSWD for the implementation of this Section for Phase 2.

24 By order of prioritization in funding, the appropriations authorized under this Section
25 shall take precedence over other appropriations made in this Act: *Provided*, That in the event

1 that the funding appropriated under this Section is not fully utilized, the remaining balance
2 shall be appropriated for the implementation of Sections 7 and 9 of this Act.

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4 **SEC. 5. Qualified Filipinos for *Ayuda*.** – Any living Filipino national, regardless of
5 age, shall be qualified to receive *Ayuda* as described under Section 4 of this Act: *Provided*,
6 That the recipient must have been residing in the Philippines for at least six (6) months
7 immediately prior to the promulgation of this Act: *Provided finally*, that any Filipino, without
8 need of any valid or justifiable reason, may voluntarily opt not to receive the *Ayuda* herein
9 described.

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11 **SEC. 6. Listing and Distribution.** – The DSWD and the Department of the Interior
12 and Local Government (DILG), through the assistance of the local government units (LGUs)
13 shall prepare the list of the recipients not later than one (1) month after the effectivity of this
14 Act. The Community-Based Monitoring System, the Philippine Census of Population and
15 Housing and all other pertinent information available at the LGUs and in National Government
16 Agencies may be used as references for the generation of the list of recipients.

17 The LGU, in coordination with the DSWD and the DILG, shall distribute the *Ayuda* to
18 the recipients included in their respective listings. In addition to the provisions of the Republic
19 Act No. 9485, otherwise known as the Anti-Red Tape Act, digital payments or any other
20 systems of payment with minimal face-to-face transactions shall be encouraged in the
21 distribution of the *Ayuda*. The LGU shall create a Grievance and Appeals Committee to
22 receive and act expeditiously on all complaints coming from constituents. The Committee
23 shall establish a hotline to receive and act expeditiously on all complaints.

24 The DSWD, in coordination with the DILG, shall issue the rules and regulations to
25 implement this Section.

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SEC. 7. *Ayuda* for Quarantine-Affected Households. – To provide assistance to all households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the DSWD shall implement a social amelioration program for food security through a one-time cash subsidy program of Five thousand pesos (Php5,000.00) to Ten thousand pesos (Php10,000.00) for every affected household in areas declared under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) or any other type of COVID-19 quarantine that may be of the same or stricter level of restrictions as an ECQ, as defined at the date of the promulgation of this Act. The number of household members, cost of living and the level and duration of the quarantine shall be considered in determining the amount of the *Ayuda* for affected households as described under this Section.

The DSWD shall utilize the General Appropriations Act 2021 budget for Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) for the implementation of this Section.

SEC. 8. Special Congressional Oversight on *Ayuda*. – There is hereby created a Special Congressional Oversight Committee on *Ayuda* for the proper implementation, monitoring and auditing of this Program, especially the listing and distribution as described under Section 6 of this Act. The DSWD, DILG and LGUs shall submit weekly reports to the Special Congressional Oversight Committee on *Ayuda*: *Provided*, That the weekly reports shall include comprehensive progress or accomplishment reports on the releases, balances, obligations, disbursements, and any other information that will ensure a transparent, valid and efficient implementation of the *Ayuda* funding.

The Committee shall be jointly chaired by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate President, who shall each designate five (5) members from their respective Houses as members.

1 **CHAPTER III**

2 *Kabuhayan*

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4 **SEC. 9. Emergency Assistance to Households.** – To provide emergency assistance
5 to households and individuals affected by crises during the pandemic, the amount of Twelve
6 billion pesos (Php12,000,000,000.00) is appropriated for additional funds of the DSWD to be
7 immediately released for its AICS program to address crisis response and recovery and to
8 procure food packs subject to the existing rules and regulations of the DSWD. Stand-by funds
9 are likewise appropriated for the AICS program in the amount of Twelve billion pesos
10 (Php12,000,000,000.00) for Phase 2 and Six billion pesos (Php6,000,000,000.00) for Phase 3.

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12 **SEC. 10. Wage Subsidies.** – To assist Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
13 (MSMEs), the Small Business Wage Subsidy (SBWS) program of the Department of Finance
14 (DOF), the Social Security System (SSS), and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) shall be
15 continued and expanded, especially to MSMEs that have been highly impacted by the COVID-
16 19 crisis.

17 The amount of Eight billion pesos (Php8,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated to the
18 SBWS program for the implementation of this Section. Stand-by funds are likewise
19 appropriated for the SBWS program amounting to Eight billion pesos (Php8,000,000,000.00)
20 for Phase 2 and Four billion pesos (Php4,000,000,000.00) for Phase 3.

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22 **SEC. 11. Assistance to Displaced/Disadvantaged Workers.** – To provide temporary
23 employment to displaced workers, including overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and
24 freelancers, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) shall expand the *Tulong*

1 *Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Displaced/Disadvantaged Workers (TUPAD), COVID-19*
2 *Adjustment Measures Program (CAMP) and Abot Kamay ang Pagtulong (AKAP) Program.*

3 The amount of Ten billion pesos (Php10,000,000,000.00) is appropriated to the DOLE
4 for the implementation of this Section. Stand-by funds are likewise appropriated to the DOLE
5 for the implementation of this Section in the amount of Ten billion pesos
6 (Php10,000,000,000.00) for Phase 2, and Five billion pesos (Php5,000,000,000.00) for Phase
7 3.

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9 **SEC. 12. Housing Relief.** – To address the housing needs of affected families during
10 the pandemic, the National Housing Authority (NHA) and the Social Housing Finance
11 Corporation (SHFC) are hereby directed to suspend, for at least three (3) months after the
12 effectivity of this Act, the collection of amortization payments from families in all government
13 socialized housing and resettlement projects who lost their source of income due to the
14 pandemic. LGUs shall assist the shelter agencies in the validation of the economic condition
15 of families to qualify for this program.

16 Furthermore, demolition and eviction activities shall be postponed until the state of
17 public health emergency has been lifted, except for eviction or demolition activities in relation
18 to the implementation of critical government infrastructure projects under the Build, Build,
19 Build Program and areas crucial for the objectives of these projects: *Provided*, That the
20 implementing agency shall conduct proper consultation and provide permanent relocation,
21 compensation, rental subsidy for temporary shelter, and other basic services for the affected
22 families, regardless of tenurial status, in view of relevant provisions stipulated in Republic Act
23 No. 7279 or the “Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992” and Republic Act No. 10752
24 or “The Right-of-Way Act of 2015”.

25

1 **SEC. 13. COVID-19 Economic Recovery.** – The COVID-19 economic recovery
2 interventions under *Bayanihan* to Recover as One Act or Republic Act No. 11494, specifically
3 Sec. 4 (m), (z), (mm), (tt), (xx), and (iii), are hereby adopted as part of this Act: *Provided,*
4 That all laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act
5 are hereby repealed or amended accordingly: *Provided further,* That unless otherwise
6 provided for in this Act, no additional appropriation is hereby mandated for the Sections
7 specified herein above, and the validity of the appropriations specified under Republic Act
8 No. 11494 for the specified Sections shall be extended during the effectivity of this Act.

9
10 **SEC. 14. Procurement of Goods and Services.** – Notwithstanding any law to the
11 contrary, goods and services required to address contingencies arising from natural or man-
12 made calamities that shall accelerate the recovery and bolster the resiliency of the economy,
13 including the goods and services needed to improve the digital infrastructure that supports all
14 government functions, shall be procured in the most judicious, economical, and expeditious
15 manner, and shall be exempted from the provisions on bidding processes required under
16 Republic Act No. 9184, otherwise known as the “Government Procurement Reform Act” and
17 other relevant laws: *Provided,* That the following information and documents related to the
18 procurement shall be published in the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) online
19 portal, the website of the procuring entity concerned, if available, and at any conspicuous place
20 to be reserved for this purpose in the premises of the procuring entity within five (5) working
21 days from the date of acceptance of the award:

- 22 (i) Project name;
- 23 (ii) Approved budget for contract;
- 24 (iii) Contract period;
- 25 (iv) Name of winning supplier, distributor, manufacturer, contractor, or consultant;

- 1 (v) Amount of contract as awarded;
- 2 (vi) Notice of award;
- 3 (vii) Date of award and acceptance;
- 4 (viii) Contract or purchase order; and
- 5 (ix) A certification stating that the procuring entity exerted all efforts to secure the
- 6 price most advantageous to the government based on existing price data of the agency, the
- 7 Department of Trade and Industry, or other relevant agencies or preliminary market scanning
- 8 done by the agency documenting prevailing market prices and practices.

9 *Provided however,* That notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, advance payment for

10 contracted goods and services not exceeding fifty percent (50%) of the contract amount, shall

11 be allowed in the procurement of goods under this Section, unless otherwise directed by the

12 President of the Philippines.

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CHAPTER IV

15

Kalusugan

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17 **SEC. 15. National Nutrition.** – The Department of Social Welfare and Development

18 (DSWD) and the Department of Education (DepEd), in close coordination with the LGUs and

19 other concerned agencies shall fully implement the *Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang*

20 *Pilipino* Act of 2017 (Republic Act No. 11037) for Filipino children in day care centers,

21 kindergartens and elementary schools.

22 The DOH, in coordination with the National Nutrition Council (NNC), the Department

23 of Agriculture (DA), the LGUs, and other National Government Agencies shall fully

24 implement the Republic Act No. 11148, otherwise known as the *Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng*

25 *Mag-Nanay* Act to ensure that nutrition and health interventions and services under the said

1 Act are delivered at the barangay level. Priority shall be given to services and interventions
2 that boost immunity against COVID-19, as determined by the Department of Health (DOH).

3 Stand-by funds of Five billion pesos (P5,000,000,000.00) for Phase 2 shall be
4 appropriated for the implementation of Republic Act No. 11037. Stand-by funds of Five
5 billion pesos (P5,000,000,000.00) for Phase 2 shall be appropriated for the implementation of
6 Republic Act No. 11148.

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8 **SEC. 16. Assistance to the Agri-Fishery Sector.** – The Department of Agriculture
9 (DA) and such other agencies or instrumentalities, shall continue the Enhanced Plant, Plant,
10 Plant Program and any other relevant programs, including subsidies, loans, grants, and
11 necessary capacity building assistance to farmers, livestock producers, and fisherfolk to
12 improve the agri-fishery industry and ensure food security.

13 The DA shall prioritize for funding programs and interventions that directly and
14 effectively address the most urgent food security concerns, such as price and supply pressures
15 on the domestic swine industry and supply-chain issues on vegetables. The National Economic
16 and Development Authority (NEDA) shall assist the DA in identifying which interventions
17 will provide the highest socioeconomic returns towards food security and farmer income
18 security and welfare.

19 Stand-by funds for the implementation of this section are appropriated in the amount
20 of Fifteen billion pesos (Php15,000,000,000.00) for Phase 2 and Fifteen billion pesos
21 (Php15,000,000,000.00) for Phase 3 shall be appropriated for the implementation of this
22 Section.

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1 **SEC. 17. Medical Assistance to Indigents.** – The Medical Assistance for Indigents
2 Program (MAIP) of the Department of Health (DOH) shall be augmented as additional
3 medical response for the targeted indigent beneficiaries.

4 The amount of Three billion pesos (Php3,000,000,000.00) is appropriated to the DOH
5 for the implementation of this Section. Stand-by funds are likewise appropriated to the DOH
6 in the amount of Three billion pesos (Php3,000,000,000.00) for the implementation of Phase
7 2 and Three billion pesos (Php3,000,000,000.00) for Phase 3 of the MAIP.

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9 **SEC. 18. Provision of Free Swab Tests for Seafarers and Overseas Filipino**
10 **Workers (OFWs).** – To help facilitate the safe return to their place of residence or their
11 immediate deployment for overseas employment, seafarers and OFWs shall be entitled to free
12 swabbing and reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) testing, which shall
13 be provided upon arrival or before departure at all international airports and seaports
14 nationwide and in accredited testing centers.

15 The amount of Four hundred million pesos (Php400,000,000.00) is appropriated to the
16 Department of Transportation for the implementation of this Section in Phase 1.

17
18 **SEC. 19. COVID-19 Health Response.** – The COVID-19 response and recovery
19 interventions under Republic Act No. 11494, otherwise known as the *Bayanihan* to Recover
20 as One Act under Sec. 4 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (s), (t) and (w) are hereby
21 adopted as part of this Act: *Provided*, That all laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or
22 parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly: *Provided*
23 *further*, That unless otherwise provided for in this Act, no additional appropriation is hereby
24 mandated for the Sections specified herein above, and the validity of the appropriations

1 specified under Republic Act No. 11494 for the specified Sections shall be extended during
2 the effectivity of this Act.

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4 **SEC. 20. Emergency Use of Private Sector Facilities for Public Health Purposes.**

5 – In order to preserve and promote public health, the President of the Philippines may direct
6 the operation of any hotel, transient lodging, other privately owned structure, building or
7 vessel to serve as isolation or quarantine facilities, temporary medical facilities, and medical
8 relief and aid distribution locations. The DOH shall prescribe the minimum standards
9 necessary for the operation of such temporary facilities: *Provided*, That in cases where the
10 foregoing enterprises so desire to undertake management of said temporary medical or
11 isolation operations, it may do so in partnership with duly licensed private medical service
12 providers or hospitals, and such operations including pricing shall be fully regulated by the
13 DOH: *Provided further*, that in identifying which enterprises or properties will be temporarily
14 used as isolation or quarantine facilities, temporary medical facilities, and medical relief and
15 aid distribution locations, hotels, and similar facilities which have not been able to operate
16 during the quarantine periods shall first be selected and utilized: *Provided further*, that should
17 there be need to re-purpose other private enterprises, properties or structures to address the
18 public health requirements, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging
19 Infectious Diseases (IATF–EID), together with the Department of Tourism, shall identify and
20 select the private enterprise, property or structure.

21 The owner or operator of the enterprise or property herein referred to shall be given
22 just compensation for the use of their facilities and properties and shall receive such
23 compensation on a monthly basis from the start of operation of the temporary facilities:
24 *Provided*, That compensation will be jointly determined by owners or operators of the
25 enterprise or property and the Office of the President of the Philippines, with the latter as

1 Payor: *Provided further*, That reasonable compensation for reopening costs necessary to
2 restore the subject property to its original operational state, including any additional damage
3 or costs incurred by the owner or possessor of the subject property solely on account of
4 complying with the directive of the President of the Philippines shall be given to the person
5 entitled to the possession of such private properties or businesses after proper accounting and
6 assessment have been done: *Provided finally*, That in determining the just and reasonable
7 compensation to be paid to owners or operators of hotels, transient lodgings, other privately
8 owned structures, buildings or vessels as provided herein, the Office of the President of the
9 Philippines shall pay no less than the posted industry standard rates of Bureau of Quarantine-
10 accredited hotels and transient lodgings for both stringent and mandatory quarantine facilities.

11 PhilHealth shall include the payments due for hospital care while in these temporary
12 facilities in the COVID-19 benefit packages available for all Filipinos who are so confined in
13 said facilities.

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CHAPTER V

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Support to Local Government Units

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19 **SEC. 21. Realignment of Local Funds.** – Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,
20 the Local Chief Executives are hereby authorized to realign their development fund, Gender
21 and Development Fund, Sangguniang Kabataan Fund, Special Education Fund (SEF), and
22 other local funds, including unutilized or unreleased subsidies and transfers in order to address
23 the COVID-19 pandemic.

24 Sangguniang Barangays are likewise authorized to make realignments of all allotments
25 and subsidies in response to the pandemic.

1 The LGUs may also increase their respective personnel services cap by up to ten percent
2 (10%) for first (1st) to third (3rd) class municipalities and up to five percent (5%) for the fourth
3 (4th) to sixth (6th) class municipalities, and cities, and provinces: *Provided*, That the same
4 shall be used for the hiring of additional health workers, the generation of temporary jobs for
5 marginalized and hard-hit sectors as well as for other emergency employment programs
6 undertaken by the LGU in response to the COVID-19 pandemic: *Provided further*, That the
7 allowable debt service ceiling of LGUs shall be increased to thirty percent (30%) of their
8 annual regular income including their share in the national taxes: *Provided finally*, That the
9 LGUs shall be exempt from the loan ceiling cap imposed by the Department of Finance
10 (DOF).

11 The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Bureau of the Treasury
12 (BTr) shall automatically and completely release any adjusted or remaining shares of LGUs in
13 national wealth and National Tax Allotment (NTA) pursuant to Section 286 of Republic Act
14 No. 7160 or the "Local Government Code of 1991".

15 For Phase 2 of the implementation of this Section, the amount of Five billion pesos
16 (Php5,000,000,000.00) is appropriated as follows, Four billion pesos (Php4,000,000,000.00)
17 to the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) to provide financial assistance to LGUs in
18 their local anti-COVID efforts, and Five hundred million pesos (Php500,000,000.00) each to
19 the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP)
20 to subsidize the payment of interest on new and existing loans secured by
21 LGUs from government financial institutions (GFIs).

22

23 **SEC. 22. Expanded use of Special Education Fund.** – Notwithstanding the
24 provisions of Section 272 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the “Local Government Code of 1991”,

1 a portion of the Special Education Fund may be used to support the educational arrangements
2 and adjustments necessary to support the safe continuation of learning during the pandemic.

3 Authorized expenditures shall include support of alternative learning modalities, digital
4 education, digital infrastructure and continuity plans, such as the purchase of equipment,
5 materials, and supplies related thereto, printing and delivery of self-learning modules,
6 provision of safe schools infrastructure, equipment and facilities such as hand-washing
7 stations, soap, alcohol, sanitizers, and other disinfecting solutions, as well as medical health
8 supplies deemed appropriate by public health officials such as thermometers, face masks, and
9 face shields, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules.

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11 **SEC. 23. Stand-by Loans.** – The extension of the term of standby loans entered into
12 by LGUs shall be allowed.

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14 **SEC. 24. Funds Held in Trust.** – Unexpended cash balances of public funds held in
15 trust by LGUs, the purposes of which have been deemed to be completed or abandoned, shall
16 be utilized; and their transfer to the general fund of the LGUs concerned shall be made available
17 for appropriation to support local government programs and projects in response to the
18 COVID-19 pandemic.

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20 **SEC. 25. Municipal Development Fund.** – Any unutilized or unreleased balance in
21 the Municipal Development Fund created under Presidential Decree No. 1914, including
22 investments and undrawn portions of all loans, shall be realigned for purposes of paying
23 outstanding LGU obligations. All such unspent, unutilized, unreleased, or undrawn money or
24 funds shall be utilized and are hereby automatically appropriated for LGU loans and
25 borrowings from the respective GFIs, including the provision of loan interest rate subsidy until

1 2022, and other measures to address the COVID-19 situation and to accomplish the declared
2 national policy herein: *Provided*, That all investments, loans, credits, grants, or other credit
3 accommodations existing at the time of effectivity of this Act shall be assigned to the GFIs,
4 which shall henceforth have all the rights and obligations of the fund over the funds
5 appropriated under this section: *Provided further*, That the assigned funds shall be accessed
6 and utilized exclusively by the LGUs: *Provided*
7 *furthermore*, That all approved loans and undisbursed balances for committed LGU loans
8 and borrowings shall continue to be disbursed and shall be
9 administered by the GFIs: *Provided finally*, That any remaining proceeds of the Municipal
10 Development Fund Office (MDFO) investments in government securities are hereby
11 automatically appropriated for such measures that shall allow LGUs to respond appropriately
12 to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to accomplish the national policy declared
13 under this Act.

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15 **SEC. 26. Memorandum of Agreement with LGUs.** – The DSWD, DOLE and other
16 agencies may execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with LGUs to facilitate transfer
17 of funds to the LGUs and to allow said LGUs to distribute the Social Pension for Indigent
18 Senior Citizens (SocPen), AICS, Food and Non-Food Items (FNFI), CAMP, TUPAD, and the
19 AKAP for OFWs.

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21 **CHAPTER VI**

22 **Other Assistance**

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24 **SEC. 27. Support to Retired Military and Uniformed Personnel** – The sum of Fifty-
25 four billion six hundred million pesos (Php54,600,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the

1 payment of pension arrears of the retired Military and Uniformed Personnel of the Armed
2 Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection
3 (BFP), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and National Mapping and Resource Information
4 Authority (NAMRIA) to help bridge their financial needs to cope with the challenges brought
5 about by the pandemic.

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7 To implement this Section, Twenty billion pesos (Php20,000,000,000.00) shall be
8 released for Phase 1, Twenty billion pesos (Php20,000,000,000.00) shall be released for Phase
9 2, and Fourteen billion six hundred million pesos (Php14,600,000,000.00) shall be released for
10 Phase 3.

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12 **SEC. 28. Support to Basic Education.** - The amount of Five billion six hundred
13 million pesos (Php5,600,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for Phase 1 of the implementation
14 of this Section to assist the DepEd in the implementation of its Digital Education, Information
15 Technology (IT) and Digital Infrastructure and Alternative Learning Modalities Program as
16 part of pandemic response and transition to a new normal. This amount is appropriated as
17 follows:

18 (a) Three billion pesos (Php3,000,000,000.00) to provide laptops for teachers;

19 (b) One billion two hundred million pesos (Php1,200,000,000.00) to provide
20 mobile and internet allowance to DepEd personnel for the next six months from the effectivity
21 of this Act;

22 (c) Five hundred million pesos (Php500,000,000.00) to deliver distance learning
23 modalities using DepEd online and broadcast platforms, such as DepEd Commons, DepEd TV
24 and DepEd Radio for the next six months from the effectivity of this Act;

1 (d) Two hundred million pesos (Php200,000,000.00) to establish radio-based
2 instruction infrastructure for Last Mile Schools; and

3 (e) Seven hundred million pesos (Php700,000,000.00) to purchase N95 Masks for
4 DepEd employees and teachers.

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6 **CHAPTER VII**

7 **Miscellaneous Provisions**

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9 **SEC. 29. Sources of Funding.** – The herein enumerated subsidy and stimulus
10 measures shall be funded from the following:

11 (a) 2021 General Appropriations Act (GAA): *Provided*, That funds for the herein
12 authorized programs, activities and projects shall be sourced primarily from the
13 unprogrammed funds and savings realized from modified, realigned, or reprogrammed
14 allocations for operational expense of any government agency or instrumentality under the
15 Executive Department, including, but not limited to, traveling expenses, supplies and
16 materials, expenses, professional services, general services, advertising expenses, printing and
17 publication expenses, and other maintenance and operating expenses in the 2021 GAA:
18 *Provided further*, That to fast track economic recovery and pump prime the economy,
19 implementation ready programs, activities, and projects, including programs, activities, and
20 projects that have not yet undergone the procurement process, whether for comprehensive
21 release (FCR) or for later release (FLR), shall not be discontinued and appropriations for such
22 programs, activities and projects shall be immediately released. *Provided finally*, That
23 programs, activities and projects that have the highest multiplier effect and that promote
24 countryside development, including infrastructure projects, shall be prioritized in the release
25 of appropriations.

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, the discontinued programs, activities and
2 projects may be revived at any time after the COVID-19 pandemic has ceased, and
3 notwithstanding the provisions of Republic Act No. 11518 or the “General Appropriations Act
4 of 2021”, may be revived and funded within the next two (2) fiscal years.

5 (b) Savings pooled pursuant to Republic Act No. 11469, otherwise known as the
6 “*Bayanihan* to Heal as One Act” and Republic Act No. 11494, as amended, otherwise known
7 as “*Bayanihan* to Recover as One Act”;

8 (c) Excess revenue collections in any one of the identified tax or non-tax revenue
9 sources from its corresponding revenue collection target, as provided in the FY 2021 Budget
10 of Expenditures and Sources of Financing (BESF);

11 (d) New revenue collections or those arising from new tax or non-tax sources which
12 are not part of nor included in the original sources included in the FY 2021 BESF;

13 (e) Unutilized or unreleased balances in special purpose funds (SPFs): Any
14 unutilized or unreleased balance in special purpose funds (SPFs) shall be considered to have
15 their purpose abandoned during the state of national emergency as declared by the President
16 of the Philippines. All such unspent, unutilized or unreleased money or funds sourced from
17 SPFs shall be utilized and are hereby appropriated for such measures to address the COVID-
18 19 situation and to accomplish the declared national policy herein;

19 (f) Cash, funds, and investments held by any GOCC or any National Government
20 Agency: Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the President of the Philippines is hereby
21 authorized to allocate cash, funds, investments, including unutilized or unreleased subsidies
22 and transfers, held by any GOCC or any National Government Agency in order to address the
23 COVID-19 pandemic; and

24 (g) Unused appropriation for debt servicing: Notwithstanding any law to the
25 contrary, the President of the Philippines may direct the discontinuance of unutilized

1 automatic appropriations for debt service and available appropriations for redemption of
 2 maturing government securities and use the savings generated therefrom to augment the
 3 allocation for any item necessary for the purposes identified in this Act. All amounts so
 4 reprogrammed, reallocated, or realigned shall be deemed automatically appropriated for the
 5 said purposes: *Provided*, That for interest payments, the savings will be generated from the
 6 unused appropriations after actual payment of interest per month as reported by the Bureau of
 7 Treasury to the DBM: *Provided further*, That for principal repayment, the savings will be
 8 generated from the funds freed up as a result of a debt exchange by the BTr.

9
 10 (h) Appropriations for the implementation of this Act are summarized as follows:

Program	Amounts in Billion Pesos			
	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	TOTAL
Ayuda to all Filipinos (DSWD)	108	108		216
Emergency Assistance to Affected Households (AICS - DWSD)	12	12	6	30
Wage Subsidies (SBWS - DOF, SSS, BIR)	8	8	4	20
Assistance to Displaced/Disadvantaged Workers (TUPAD, CAMP, AKAP - DOLE)	10	10	5	25
National Nutrition		10		10
<i>Masustansyang Pagkain Para sa Batang Pilipino Act (RA 11037) (DSWD, DepEd, LGUs)</i>		5		5
<i>Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act (RA 11148) (DOH, NNC, DA, LGUs)</i>		5		5
Assistance to the Agri-Fishery Sector		15	15	30
Medical Assistance to Indigents Program (DOH)	3	3	3	9
LGU Relief		5		5
Local Government Support Fund		4		4
Interest Subsidy (LBP, DBP)		1		1
RT-PCR for Seafarers and OFWs (OWWA)	0.4			0.4
Pension and Gratuity Fund	20	20	14.6	54.6
Support to Basic Education (DepEd)	5.6			5.6
Laptops for Teachers	3			3
Mobile and Internet Allowance for DepEd Personnel	1.2			1.2
Distance learning modalities (online and broadcast platforms)	0.5			0.5
Radio-based instruction infrastructure (Last Mile Schools)	0.2			0.2
N95 Mask for DepEd Employees and Teachers	0.7			0.7
TOTAL	167	191	47.6	405.6

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 12 **SEC. 30. Lifting of Quick Response Fund Cap.** – The thirty percent (30%) cap on
 13 the amount appropriated for the Quick Response Fund, as provided for in Republic Act No.

1 10121 or the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010", is hereby
2 lifted during the state of national emergency as declared by the President of the Philippines.

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4 **SEC. 31. BSP Provisional Advances.** – Notwithstanding Section 89 of Republic Act
5 No. 7653 or "The New Central Bank Act", as amended, the BSP is hereby authorized to make
6 additional direct provisional advances with or without interest to the National Government to
7 finance expenditures authorized by law that will address and respond to the COVID-19
8 situation: *Provided*, That such additional direct provisional advances shall not, in their
9 aggregate, exceed ten percent (10%) of the average income of the National Government for
10 FYs 2018 to 2020: *Provided further*, That said additional direct provisional advances shall be
11 availed of by the National Government within two (2) years from the effectivity of this
12 Act: *Provided furthermore*, That the additional direct provisional advances shall be repaid
13 before the end of one (1) year following the date that the National Government received such
14 additional direct provisional advances pursuant to this Act, extendible for another year as the
15 Monetary Board may allow.

16
17 **SEC. 32. Remittance of GOCC Dividends.** – Within ninety (90) days from the
18 effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Finance shall draw up and submit to the Joint Executive-
19 Legislative *Bayanihan* Council a report containing the respective annual net earnings of all of
20 government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs) and their respective annual net
21 earnings for Fiscal Year 2020, and quarterly earnings for quarters preceding the effectivity of
22 this Act. The Joint Executive-Legislative *Bayanihan* Council shall recommend to the President
23 of the Philippines a list of GOCCs that may be mandated to increase their dividend remittances
24 to the government pursuant to Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7656: *Provided*, That proceeds
25 from the exercise of the power of the President of the Philippines to adjust the percentage of

1 annual net earnings declared by a government-owned or -controlled corporation as dividends
2 to the National Government for the duration of the effectivity of this Act shall be used
3 exclusively to fund the appropriations made in this Act.

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5 **SEC. 33. Authority to Withdraw Capital.** – Upon the recommendation of the Joint
6 Executive-Legislative *Bayanihan* Council, the President of the Philippines is hereby
7 authorized, for the duration of the effectivity of this Act, to order the withdrawal capital from
8 GOCCs: *Provided*, That the following conditions are satisfied:

9 (a) The GOCC is overcapitalized and unable to deploy its excess capital;

10 (b) The GOCC is wholly owned by the National Government;

11 (c) A withdrawal of capital will not compromise the solvency or operations of the
12 GOCC; and

13 (d) There shall be proper consultation with the GOCC before it is included in the
14 list submitted by the Secretary of Finance:

15 *Provided further*, That GOCCs created or organized by law to administer real or personal
16 properties or funds held in trust for the use and for the benefit of its members, shall not be
17 covered by this Section.

18 Proceeds from the exercise of the power of the President of the Philippines under this Section
19 shall be used exclusively to fund the appropriations made in this Act. The power granted under
20 this Section shall be exercised only to the extent necessary to fund the appropriations in this
21 Act.

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23 **SEC. 34. Long-term Plan for Economic Resilience.** – The NEDA shall submit to
24 Congress a long-term plan for building economic resilience, not later than six (6) months after
25 the effectivity of this Act. The Economic Resilience Plan (ERP) shall include a strategy for

1 measuring and monitoring economic resilience and identification of structural reforms needed
2 to increase the ability of the economy to withstand and recover from shocks. The plan shall
3 include the institutionalization of national measures that account for ecosystem services and
4 natural capital accounting and shall ensure that the totality of government medium-term
5 development plans and projects are well within the capacities to produce materials and services
6 as may be determined by NEDA. The ERP shall include the following:

7 (a) The required investments in the health care sector in the next ten (10) years to
8 ensure its ability to respond to the health care needs of the population, including emerging
9 infectious diseases similar to COVID-19;

10 (b) The required investment in digital infrastructure to improve connectivity and
11 access to digital technology to enable Philippine businesses and households to cope with crises
12 and shocks;

13 (c) The required database to ensure the responsiveness of social protection programs
14 of the government for vulnerable and displaced households during periods of external shocks
15 such as the outbreak of COVID-19; and

16 (d) The required key climate change adaptation and mitigation investments to
17 operationalize a low emissions and climate-resilient development pathway toward a green
18 economy.

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20 **SEC. 35. Creation of the Joint Executive-Legislative Bayanihan Council.** – A Joint
21 Executive and Legislative *Bayanihan* Council is hereby created in order to monitor
22 disbursements under this Act. The *Bayanihan* Council (Council) shall be tasked with ensuring
23 that interventions are well-targeted to intended beneficiaries and funds are disbursed properly
24 and in a timely manner. The Council shall publicly publish monthly reports on all actions taken
25 under this Act.

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SEC. 36. Composition of the Council. – Members of the Council shall include the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, seven (7) members of the Cabinet to be designated by the President of the Philippines, one (1) member of the Senate to be designated by the President of the Senate, and three (3) members of the House of Representatives to be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom shall come from the minority.

CHAPTER VIII
Final Provisions

SEC. 37. Reportorial Requirement. -- The President of the Philippines every first Monday of the month, shall submit a monthly report to Congress and to the Commission on Audit (COA) of all acts performed pursuant to this Act.

The terms and conditions of any loan entered into by the government to finance the programs and projects to implement this law shall likewise be included in the Report. For this purpose, all reports and information required under this Act shall be submitted to the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee created under Republic Act No. 11494. The said committee shall determine whether such acts, orders, rules and regulations are within the restrictions provided herein.

SEC. 38. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be issued by the President of the Philippines within fifteen (15) days upon the effectivity of this Act.

1 **SEC. 39. Separability Clause.** – If any part, section or provision of this Act is held
2 invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
3 effect.

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5 **SEC. 40. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts
6 thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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8 **SEC. 41. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication in
9 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation, until adjournment of the Third
10 Regular Session of the Eighteenth Congress in June 30, 2022.

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