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HOUSE BILL NO. 6868

Introduced by HON. LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE JR., and
HON. FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ

AN ACT
DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A CONTINUING NATIONAL EMERGENCY ARISING
FROM THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION, AMENDING
SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11469, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “BAYANIHAN
TO HEAL AS ONE ACT”, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Based on the Department of Health (DOH) report as of May 27, 2020, there
are fifteen thousand five hundred eighty-eight (15,588) total number of COVID cases
nationwide that includes nine hundred twenty-one (921) deaths. With those
overwhelming recorded numbers, the continuing community transmission cannot be
denied. Hence, the country coming to an end from this public health crisis is yet
improbable and unforeseeable. There still persists a threat not only to the people’s
livelihood but most importantly to one’s precious life.

Thus, the government must be allowed to continue its response in alleviating
the impact of COVID-19 to the Filipinos by extending the validity and effectivity of
Republic Act NO. 11469 also known as the “Bayanihan to Heal as One Act” until
September 30, 2020. The aforementioned extension shall give the President the
opportunity to continuously exercise the power of realigning items in the national
budget for the more essential necessary and relevant items and expenses of the
government. As well as the other powers granted to him under the said law and be
able to provide emergency assistance for vulnerable groups and individuals, expand medical resources to fight COVID-19, and finance emergency initiatives keeping the economy inundated.

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

[Signatures]

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

SECTION 1. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 11469 otherwise known as the "Bayanihan
to Heal as One Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect immediately upon
its publication in a newspaper of general circulation or in the
Official Gazette and shall be in full force and effect [only for
three (3) months] UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, unless
extended by Congress: Provided, That the powers granted
under this Act may be withdrawn sooner by means of a
concurrent resolution of Congress or ended by Presidential
Proclamation."

SEC. 2. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication in a
newspaper of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

Approved,