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HOUSE BILL NO. 9196



Introduced by HON. LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.

**AN ACT TO FURTHER
EXTEND THE EFFECTIVITY OF THE PROVISIONS AS WELL AS THE
AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO.11494,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BAYANIHAN TO RECOVER AS ONE ACT"**

Based on the Department of Health (DOH) report as of April, 2021, there are eight hundred three thousand three hundred ninety-eight (803,398) total number of COVID cases nationwide that includes one hundred forty-three thousand seven hundred twenty-six (143,726) active cases and thirteen thousand four hundred thirty-five (13,435) deaths. With those overwhelming recorded numbers, the continuing community transmission is rampant and the availability of vaccines for herd immunity is still far-fetched. 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 every Filipino'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. 11494 also known as the "*Bayanihan to Recover as One Act*" until December 31, 2021. The aforementioned extension shall give the government the opportunity to continuously implement the recovery and stimulus programs specified in the Bayanihan 2, most especially in allocating funds for more essential and relevant expenses necessary to recover from the distressing effects of this global pandemic. As well as the powers and authorities provided under the said law that enable the government 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.


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

SECTION 1. Extension of the Availability of Appropriations. – Following the extension provided for under Republic Act No. 11519 or the Act extending the availability of appropriations authorized under Republic Act No.11494 or the “Bayanihan to Recover as One Act” until June 30,2021 which includes, among others, the automatic appropriations of new programs, projects, and activities pursuant to Section 4 thereof, shall be available for release, obligation and disbursement from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021: Provided, That the appropriations sourced from reprogrammed, reallocated or realigned savings in Republic Act No.11465 or the 2020 GAA for programs and projects for COVID-19 interventions shall be valid for release, obligation and disbursement in accordance with the provisions of the 2020 GAA shall be supplementary thereto provided it is not inconsistent with the said provision.

The balances of fund transfers between agencies, instrumentalities and government-owned and -controlled corporations which, while obligated, remain unused, unutilized, unexpended, and undisbursed as of December 31, 2021 shall revert to the appropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Agency outsourcing requests or agreements by agencies, instrumentalities and/or government-owned and -controlled corporations with Philippine International Trading Corporation shall not be allowed. Any balances of fund transfers in the books of the

Philippine International Trading Corporation shall revert to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund upon effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 2. Expiration of the President's Authority Granted Under the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act. – The authority of the President to exercise powers granted under the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act, the Section 4 thereof or the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Interventions, including the authority to reprogram, reallocate, and realign from savings on other items in the appropriations of the Executive Department in the 2020 GAA, can only be exercised until December 19, 2020 pursuant to Section 18 thereof, following the extension of which until June 30, 2021 pursuant to RA 11519.

SECTION 3. Validity of Allotment. – The validity of Advices of Allotments issued by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for fund releases charged against Section 10 of the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act shall automatically be extended in accordance with Section 1 of this Act.

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

SECTION 5. Allotment Releases from the Standby Fund. – Appropriations covered by the standby fund as provided in Section 10 of the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act shall be available for release, obligations, and disbursement up to December 31, 2021, subject to the fulfillment of the conditionalities stipulated under the same section of the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act.

SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Immediately after the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Budget and Management shall, in consultation with implementing agencies concerned, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementations of this Act.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. – Any provision of Republic Act No. 11494, otherwise known as the "Bayanihan to Recover as One Act" and any other law, decree, executive order, or rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,