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HOUSE BILL NO. 3645

Introduced by Rep. CHRISTOPHER S. CO, and Rep. RODEL M. BATOCABE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to mandate and compel all government, non-government offices and business establishments and offices to establish policies for energy conservation and efficient energy utilization measures.

This bill aims to minimize energy consumption and costs. With the assistance of the Department of Energy, this shall be undertaken and implemented without detriment or impairment to the functions and operations of the government, non-government, and private offices and establishment.

It is important to implement cost-effective energy conservation measures because the non-renewable energy source is finite. The current current supply must be conserved in order for our natural resources to be available for future generations. The efficient and judicious use of energy is everyone's concern and responsibility.

This bill recognizes that the efforts to conserve energy is not only the responsibility of the government but is a social responsibility which should be shared by all energy-users. In order for the efforts to have substantial and enduring impact, the measures, practices, and programs should be undertaken by all stakeholders and should be institutionalized in both government and private sectors.

Environmental stewardship is a responsibility not only of the government but the private sector as well. In light of these circumstances, the swift passage of the bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND
ESTABLISHMENTS TO ADOPT POLICIES FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENT
ENERGY UTILIZATION MEASURES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Energy Conservation, Efficiency, and Management Act of 2013".

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to facilitate the institutionalization of energy conservation measures in the consumption and utilization of energy and ensuring the participation of all stakeholders including government agencies and instrumentalities and the private sector in order to minimize energy consumption and costs.

SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* -

- a. "Energy Conservation" refers to the act of reducing the loss and waste in various energy stages from energy production to energy consumption and using energy more efficiently and rationally through application of appropriate energy management system and adopting measures which are technologically feasible, economically sound and environmentally and socially affordable;
- b. "Energy Efficiency" refers to the process of managing energy consumption to ensure that energy has been efficiently consumed;
- c. "Energy Management" refers to the process of managing energy consumption to ensure that energy has been efficiently consumed;

SECTION 4. *Obligations of Energy-Users and Energy-Using Entities.* All energy-using persons and entities shall exert efforts to use every available resources efficiently in accordance with this Act. All government and non-government offices, and business establishments, are directed to adopt policies and practices on energy conservation, energy efficiency, and energy management pursuant to programs, guidelines, rules, policies, and programs as determined by the Department of Energy.

SECTION 5. Responsibilities of the Department of Energy (DOE). – As the primary government energy for the planning, formulation, and development of energy management policies and other related energy efficiency and conservation programs and plans, the DOE shall:

- a. Consult and coordinate with other government agencies and the private sector or create an inter-agency committee, as it may be deemed necessary, for the effective implementation of energy efficiency and conservation policies;
- b. Promote collaborative efforts with the private sector, particularly the commercial, industrial, transport, and power sectors, to broaden and enhance their efficient utilization of energy;
- c. Require government offices and the private sector to submit annual energy conservation and consumption reports;
- d. Formulate feasible policies, programs, and rules on energy conservation, efficient energy utilization measures and sustainable practices which shall be implemented by all government offices and private sectors;
- e. Formulate sector- or industry-specific policies, programs, and rules on energy conservation, efficient energy utilization measures and sustainable practices to the following types of sectors or industries:
 - i. Industrial or Manufacturing (such as but not limited to cement, mining, food and beverages, electronic, chemical, appliance, steel and metal)
 - ii. Transportation (such as but not limited to railway, road transport, freight and passenger transport, air and sea transportation services)
 - iii. Power Sector (such as but not limited to power generation, distribution, and transmission)
 - iv. Commercial (such as but not limited to hotel, hospital, educational institutions); and
- f. Set up annual targets and plans for the implementation of energy efficiency and conservation projects or measures
- g. Monitor the compliance of all government offices and private sectors;

Provided, that such policies, programs, and plans shall lower energy or utility costs in connection with the operation or maintenance of such building, facility, business, industry, or sector and will reduce energy consumption and achieve the energy consumption targets.

Section 4. Reportorial Requirements. All non-government offices and business establishments shall inform the Department of Energy in writing about the policies formulated and enforced in their respective offices in compliance with this Act within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act. Such notification shall likewise be an administrative requirement prior to the operation, creation, or establishment of new non-government offices and business establishments.

Section 5. Sanction for Non-compliance. In the rules and regulations to be implemented pursuant to this Act, the Secretary of the Department of Energy shall prescribe the appropriate administrative sanctions on any administrative office or officer, human relations office or officer, or any person or office holding a comparable role, who shall fail to comply with the requirements under this Act. In addition thereto, erring non-

government offices and business establishments shall likewise suffer the penalty of suspension of their permits to operate.

Section 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*- Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Energy, respectively, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

Section 7. *Separability Clause.* - If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force or effect.

Section 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 9. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.