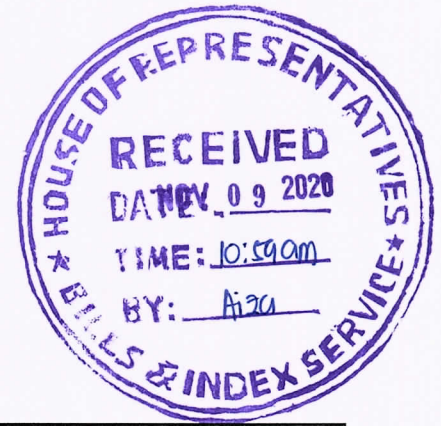


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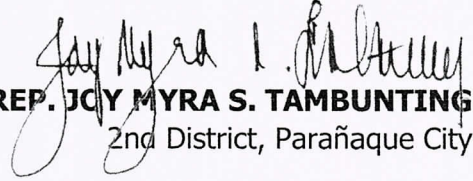
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 11494 or the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act was a relief measure implemented to serve as the country's defense against health and economic problems stemming from the COVID-19 outbreak. The said law sets aside a total of P165 billion (with P25.5 billion of which meant to be a standby fund) for the government to address the impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

As the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act is set lapse upon of the adjournment of Congress on December 19, 2020, it is important that the allocated funds be released before the law lapses. The said law was enacted on September 11, 2020, yet until October 21, 2020, only 6 billion of the allocated funds has been released. Presently, P76.62 billion of the P140 billion budget has already been released. According to the Department of Budget and Management, issues regarding the submission of complete requirement of agencies are the reason for the delay in release of the funds. Agencies on the other hand blame the pending expiration of Bayanihan 2 as the reason for their difficulty in coming up with unrealistic timelines for their projects.

Ultimately, the goal is to ensure that these allocated funds reach their intended recipients so that they will be able to cope with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. To this end, this measure proposes to extend the effectivity of the said law until June 5, 2021, to account for the more than a month of initial delay in the release of the said funds and to allow for agencies to propose carefully planned projects to help intended beneficiaries.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVITY OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11494, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE BAYANIHAN TO RECOVER AS ONE ACT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SECTION 18 THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. Extension. – Section 18 of Republic Act No. 11494 or “An Act Providing for COVID-19 Response and Recovery Interventions and Providing Mechanisms to Accelerate the Recovery and Bolster the Resiliency of the Philippine Economy, Providing Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes”, otherwise known as “Bayanihan to Recover as One Act” is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 18. Effectivity. – Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, this Act shall be in full force and effect until the ~~[next adjournment of the Eighteenth Congress on December 19, 2020]~~ **SINE DIE ADJOURNEMENT OF THE 2ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS ON JUNE 5, 2021.** This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the Official Gazette: *Provided, That* Section 4(cc) of this Act shall be deemed to be in effect since Republic Act No. 11469 expired.

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

Approved,