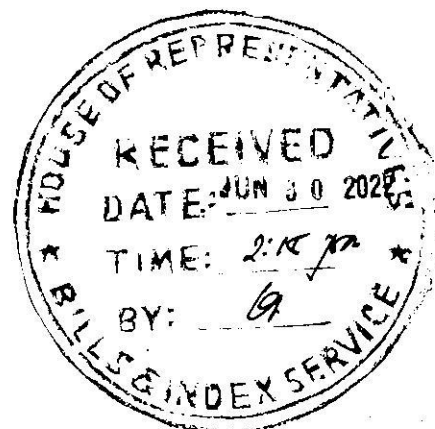


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act (RA) No. 9513 or the Renewable Energy Act of 2008 ("RE Law") initialized the net-metering system wherein a distribution grid user has a two-way connection to the grid and is only charged for his net electricity consumption and is credited for any overall contribution to the grid.

This system allowed the qualified end-users to inject additional power into the grid and at the same time, save on the costs of electricity.

However, this progress has been thwarted by the 100-kW cap imposed for the net-metering system along with the stringent process of application and permitting for net metering. The 100-kW cap discourages the consumers with larger consumption to participate and take advantage of the incentive.

This bill seeks to address this issue by amending a pertinent provision of the RE Law and thus widening the scope of the net metering incentive.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ENHANCING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NET METERING SYSTEM
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9513 OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE RENEWABLE ENERGY (RE) LAW OF 2008

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of RA No. 9513 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(j) "Distributed generation" refers to a system of small generation entities supplying directly to the distribution grid, ~~shall not exceed one hundred kilowatts (100 kW) in capacity~~ **with the following capacity:**

- (i) **not exceeding one hundred kilowatts (100 kw) from the effectivity of this act up to the end of the first year;**
- (ii) **not exceeding one hundred fifty kilowatts (150 kw) from the end of the first year up to the end of the second year;**
- (iii) **not exceeding two hundred kilowatts (200 kw) from the end of the second year up to the end of the third year; and**
- (iv) **not exceeding two hundred fifty kilowatts (250 kw) from the end of the third year following the effectivity of this Act.**

SECTION 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)* - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Energy, as the lead agency, together with the ERC, and other public and private stakeholders representing consumers and sectors affected by this Act, shall adjust the IRR of RA No. 9513 to

reflect the provisions of this amendment and shall establish a simplified approval process, and harmonize the relevant rules and regulations of all government agencies and local governments involved in obtaining permits and regulatory approvals, in order to facilitate the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. *Separability Clause* - If, for any reason, any provision of this Act or any part thereof shall be held unconstitutional and invalid, the other parts or provisions of this Act, which are not affected thereby, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause* - All laws, decrees, issuances, orders, letters of instructions, administrative orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,