

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5147



Introduced by Representative Michael L. Romero

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Republic of the Philippines, the Department of Energy (**DOE**) is mandated by **RA 7638 (Department of Energy Act of 1992)** to prepare, integrate, coordinate, supervise and control all plans, programs, projects and activities of the Government relative to energy exploration, development, utilization, distribution and conservation.

The Department of Energy, in partnership with our stakeholders, shall improve the quality of life of the Filipino by formulating and implementing policies and programs to ensure sustainable, stable, secure, sufficient, accessible, and reasonably-priced energy.

In pursuit of this mandates, The Department of Energy shall be task to commit to render efficient service with utmost integrity and professionalism.

A globally competitive DOE powering up Filipino communities through clean, efficient, robust and sustainable energy systems that will create wealth, propel industries and transform the lives of men and women and the generations to come.

This House Bill seeks to provide **Modernization Funding** to the **Energy Resource Development Bureau**, to ensure that the country fulfills its

commitments to all Energy Resources Development, management, mandates and agreements.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR MODERNIZATION FUNDINGFOR THE **ENERGY
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT BUREAU**, INCREASING AND
REORGANIZING ITS ADMINISTRATION, PROMOTING EMPLOYEE
SKILLS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It shall hereby be a declared policy of the state to formulate and implement government policies, programs and regulations relating to the exploration, development and production of indigenous petroleum, coal and geothermal energy resources, and related product and market development thereof.

It shall hereby be a declared policy of the state to provide direction through the development of long and medium-term strategic plans for the **Energy Resources Development** to ensure achievement of its noble mandates.

The state shall also formulate policies for the efficient and effective administration and management of all manpower, skills and competencies to ensure compliance.

SECTION 2. MODERNIZATION FUNDING. – The amount of Five Hundred Million Pesos (**Php 500,000,000.00**) for the operation and administration of the *Energy Resource Development Bureau* shall be chargeable against funds for the purpose and other sources recommended by the Department of Budget and Management (**DBM**). Thereafter, appropriations for the *Energy Resource Development Bureau* shall be included in the budget proposals under the Department of Energy (**DOE**).

Thereafter, the amount needed for the continued implementation of the modernization program, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (**GAA**).

SECTION 3. *Energy Resource Development Bureau MODERNIZATION FUND* – There is hereby created the *Energy Resource Development Bureau Modernization Fund* to be used exclusively for the *Energy Resources Modernization Program*.

The Energy Resource Development Bureau Modernization Fund shall be administered by the Secretary of the **DOE** in accordance with existing government budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. PROGRESS REPORT – The Secretary of the **DOE** shall prepare an annual report on the status of the implementation of the *Energy Resource Development Bureau Modernization Programs* which shall be submitted, to the Office of the President and to the Chairpersons of the Committee on Energy of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 5. PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION – The modernization program under this Act shall be implemented for an initial period of two (**2**) years:

Provided, that payments for multi-year contract obligations incurred under this Act may extend beyond this period:

Provided, further, That **Energy Resources Development Bureau** shall continue to develop, modernize and constantly update its operational capabilities to keep pace with best global practices.

SECTION 6. TRANSITORY PROVISION – Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,