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House Bill No. 7776



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Republic Act. No. 7160, otherwise known as the “Murang Kuryente Act aims to protect the public by ensuring the provision of reliable, secure and affordable supply of electric power to consumers. In said bill, the net national government share from the Malampaya fund shall be utilized for the payment of stranded contract costs and stranded debts transferred to and assumed by the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management.

Under the RA 9136 or the EPIRA Law, Small Power Utilities Groups (SPUGs) refer to the functional unit of the National Power Corporation (NPC), created to pursue NPC’s missionary electrification function. The NPC operates over two hundred seventy-four (274) SPUGs, servicing the regions of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

Under section 34 of the same law, Missionary Electrification shall be funded from the revenues from sales in the missionary areas and from the Universal Charge (UC) to be determined by the Energy Regulatory Commission and collected from all electricity end-users.

However with the continuous and unexpected rise of electricity in the Philippines, there is now a need to protect the end-consumers from paying the current exorbitant fees and further protecting them from the possible increase of charges in the future. Thus, this bill seeks to provide a subsidy for the Universal Charge for Missionary Electrification (UCME), sourced from the Malampaya Funds, which aims to protect consumers by lowering electricity charges solely shouldered by the end-consumers.

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



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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11371 OR THE MURANG KURYENTE ACT
TO FURTHER DECREASE THE PRICES OF ELECTRICITY IN THE
COUNTRY

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

1 SECTION 1. **TITLE** – This act shall be known as the “**MAS MURANG**
2 **KURYENTE ACT OF 2023**”.

3 SECTION 2. **POLICY OF THE STATE** – It is hereby declared that it is the
4 policy of the state to protect public interest by ensuring the provision of reliable,
5 secure, and affordable supply of electric power to consumers. Towards this end,
6 the state shall implement policies and programs to ensure transparent and
7 reasonable prices of electricity to consumers by minimizing the universal charges
8 for stranded contract costs and stranded debts.

9 SECTION 3. **AMENDMENTS** – Section 4 of the Republic Act No. 11371,
10 also known as the “Murang Kuryente Act” shall be read as follows:

11 Section 4. Use of Malampaya Fund.— Two hundred eight
12 billion pesos (₱208,000,000,000.00) of the proceeds of the

1 net national government share from the Malampaya fund,
2 shall be utilized for the payment of stranded contract costs
3 and stranded debts transferred to and assumed by the Power
4 Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation
5 (PSALM) pursuant to Section 49 of Republic Act No. 9136,
6 the "Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001", including
7 all anticipated shortfalls in the course of payment of such
8 liabilities after applying the PSALM's collections from the
9 privatization of the NPC's assets, independent power
10 producers' contracts, and proceeds from operations of
11 existing assets: Provided, That annual allocations from the
12 Malampaya fund for the payment of stranded contract costs
13 and stranded debts including all anticipated shortfalls shall
14 be included in the General Appropriations Act consistent
15 with the fiscal program of the government, the procedure for
16 which shall be provided in the implementing rules and
17 regulations of this Act: Provided, That any remaining and
18 future proceeds of the net national government share from
19 the Malampaya fund over and above the amount indicated in
20 this Act shall remain in the Special Account in the general
21 fund to finance energy resource development and
22 exploitation programs pursuant to Presidential Decree No.
23 910, Creating the Energy Development Board: Provided, That
24 this provision shall not impair in any way the use or
25 application of the remaining amount or future proceeds of
26 the net national government share of the Malampaya fund to
27 be used for energy resource development and exploitation
28 programs pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 910.

29 The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall
30 ensure the timely release of the amounts allocated and
31 appropriated to the PSALM in accordance with its debt and
32 independent power producer payment schedule.

33 In the event the stranded contract costs, stranded debts, and
34 anticipated shortfalls in the course of the payment of such
35 liabilities are fully paid before the exhaustion of the amount

1 allocated in this Act, the remainder of the amount allocated
2 shall be utilized to finance energy resource development and
3 exploitation programs pursuant to Presidential Decree No.
4 910, Creating the Energy Development Board.

5 The universal charges for stranded contract costs and
6 stranded debts currently being collected may be covered by
7 the allocated amount from the Malampaya fund subject to
8 the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

9 **TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE ANNUAL APPROVED**
10 **UNIVERSAL CHARGES FOR MISSIONARY**
11 **ELECTRIFICATION (UCME) SHALL BE COLLECTED FROM**
12 **THE MALAMPAYA FUND, UNTIL THE EXHAUSTION OF**
13 **SAID FUND AND SUBJECT TO THE AMENDED**
14 **IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THIS ACT.**

15 SECTION 4. **Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within ninety (90)
16 days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOE and DOF, in consultation with the
17 DBM, the Bureau of the Treasury, and the PSALM shall amend the Implementing
18 Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11371.

19 SECTION 5. **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – If, for any reason, any provision
20 of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions
21 hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect..

22 SECTION 6. **REPEALING CLAUSE** – All laws, presidential decrees,
23 executive orders, letters of instruction, administrative rules and regulations or
24 parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
25 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

26 SECTION 7. **EFFECTIVITY** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15)
27 days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2)
28 newspapers of general circulation whichever is earlier.

29 *Approved.*