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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **9513**



Introduced by **Representative JOEY SARTE SALCEDA**

AN ACT
PROVIDING ADDITIONAL CRITERION FOR THE AVAILMENT OF THE
UNPROGRAMMED APPROPRIATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11936 OR THE 2023 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide additional criterion for the release of unprogrammed appropriations by amending Republic Act No. 11936 or the 2023 General Appropriations Act (GAA).

The government-owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs) are significant tools for economic development and they share substantial amount of their net earnings to the national government. Even after sharing their earnings, there are funds that remain unused by GOCCs.

In order to maximize the idle funds of the GOCCs and further help the national government, this bill proposes that the same be used to fund the unprogrammed appropriations. The funds of GOCCs determined to be in excess of their current administrative and operational expenses, benefit obligations or reserve requirements may be used to implement the vital purposes under the unprogrammed appropriations.

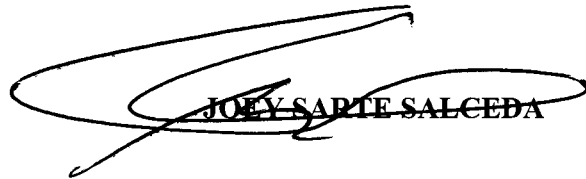
It is an accepted fact that certain government corporations have funds far exceeding their current administrative and operational expenses, benefit obligations, and/or reserve requirements. These funds lie idle in the banks or are invested in time deposits and other securities with other government and non-government financial institutions and results in the inefficient use of national government resources. In order to further assist the national government's requirements and fund much needed unprogrammed projects instead of burdening the national government with more foreign loans, these government corporations can readily provide the necessary funds for the aforesaid purposes.

In similar manner, tax collections, annual targets of which are established at the beginning of the year, but the excess of which are realized by and during the last quarter thereof, may be utilized to support funding requirements of government and thus help reduce the adverse impact of inflation and contribute to the over-all growth of the economy.

Therefore, par(b) which only provides for additional funding for unprogrammed projects from new tax or non-tax sources where par(a) inadvertently only stated non-tax revenue sources, par(a) should be amended to cover tax revenue sources in excess of its corresponding revenue collection target.

The proposal also does not violate Section 25, Chapter 4 of the Administrative Code (Executive Order No. 292), which prohibits "special provisions in the budget earmarking the use of appropriations for specific programs or activities" but not special provisions supplementing sources for existing appropriations.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is highly and earnestly recommended.



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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of the Special Provisions of the Unprogrammed Appropriations under Republic Act No. 11936 is amended to read as follows:

“Special Provision(s)

1. Availment of the Unprogrammed Appropriations. The amounts authorized herein for Purpose Nos. 1-2, 4-7 and 9-61 may be used when any of the following exists:

(a) Excess revenue collections in any [~~one of the identified~~] **TAX OR** non-tax revenue sources from its corresponding revenue collection target, as reflected in the BESF;

(b) New revenue collection or those arising from new tax or non-tax sources which are not part of, nor included in, the original revenue sources reflected in the BESF; [~~or~~]

(c) Approved loans for foreign-assisted projects[.]; **OR**

(D) FUNDS OF GOVERNMENT -OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS DETERMINED TO BE IN EXCESS OF THEIR CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES, BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS, OR RESERVE REQUIREMENTS.”

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,