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STREAMLINING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THROUGH ROUND-THE-CLOCK
OPERATIONS TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY AND ITS EFFECTIVE EXECUTION**

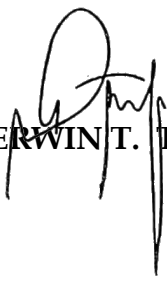
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The "Accelerated Infrastructure Development Act of 2023" proposes a groundbreaking shift in executing government infrastructure projects, specifically targeting roads and bridges. Acknowledging the pressing need to meet the population's increasing demands, this proposed measure mandates the adoption of round-the-clock operations in priority infrastructure projects. This strategic move aims to revolutionize the efficiency and pace of project completion, addressing the longstanding challenges associated with prolonged timelines in traditional project management.

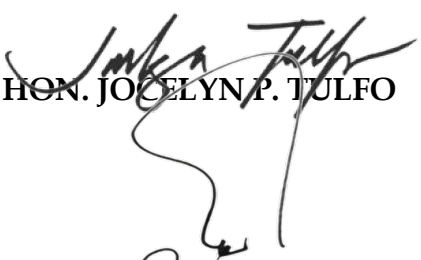
This legislative proposal takes a holistic approach to round-the-clock operations, addressing key aspects crucial for success. It prioritizes workforce management, allocating resources for training programs, and ensuring the well-being of workers through comprehensive safety measures and fair compensation. Incentives for contractors and workers are introduced to further motivate compliance and enhance overall efficiency in project execution.

This bill envisions a future where government infrastructure projects operate with unprecedented efficiency and effectiveness. By embracing round-the-clock operations, we seek to fulfill the public's expectations for timely and sustainable infrastructure development. Through this transformative proposal, the nation aspires to achieve swift, inclusive, and environmentally conscious progress.

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



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

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2 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** - This Act shall be known as the "Accelerated
3 Infrastructure Development Act of 2023."
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5 **SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** - It is hereby declared the policy of the
6 State to enhance the efficiency and timely completion of government infrastructure
7 projects, with a specific emphasis on roads and bridges. To achieve this, a
8 comprehensive approach to round-the-clock operations shall be mandated to
9 optimize resources and expedite project timelines.

10 **SECTION 3. *Coverage.*** - This Act shall apply to all government infrastructure
11 projects funded by the national government, local government units, and
12 government-owned and controlled corporations, particularly those involving the
13 construction, repair, and maintenance of roads and bridges.

14 **SECTION 4. *Round-the-Clock Operations.*** -
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16 (a) All government infrastructure projects covered by this Act shall implement
17 round-the-clock operations, to ensure continuous and efficient progress.

18 (b) The implementing agency shall devise a suitable shift schedule, taking into
19 consideration the nature and scope of the project, to maximize workforce and

1 equipment utilization. *Provided*, that the number of shifts scheduled in a day shall be
2 a minimum of three (3).

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4 (c) Adequate provisions shall be made for the welfare, safety, and fair compensation
5 of workers engaged in round-the-clock operations.

6 **SECTION 5. *Budgetary Allocation.*** - Funding for the implementation of this
7 Act shall be sourced from the annual budget of the concerned government agencies.
8 Appropriations shall include provisions to cover additional expenses related to
9 round-the-clock operations, such as overtime pay, safety measures, and logistical
10 requirements.

11 **SECTION 6. *Incentives.*** - To motivate compliance and ensure the efficiency
12 of round-the-clock operations, contractors and workers engaged in government
13 infrastructure projects under this Act may be eligible for incentives. The criteria and
14 guidelines for the grant of incentives shall be established by the implementing
15 agency.

16 **SECTION 7. *Workforce Management.*** -

17 (a) The implementing agency shall coordinate with relevant labor agencies to ensure
18 the availability of skilled workers for round-the-clock operations.

19 (b) Training programs may be initiated to enhance the skills of workers and improve
20 their adaptability to shift work.

21 **SECTION 8. *Environmental Impact Assessment.*** - Prior to the
22 commencement of round-the-clock operations, an environmental impact assessment
23 shall be conducted to evaluate and mitigate potential environmental effects. The
24 results of the assessment shall be made publicly available.

25 **SECTION 9. *Health and Safety Standards.*** - The implementing agency shall
26 establish and enforce health and safety standards for round-the-clock operations to
27 protect the well-being of workers and mitigate potential hazards.

28 **SECTION 11. *Penalties for Non-Compliance.*** -

29 (a) Failure to adhere to the provisions of this Act shall result in penalties for the
30 implementing agency, including possible budgetary reductions for future projects.

31 (b) Contractors found to be negligent in implementing round-the-clock operations
32 may face sanctions, including suspension from participating in government projects.

33 **SECTION 12. *Community Consultation.*** -

1 (a) Prior to the initiation of round-the-clock operations, the implementing agency
2 shall conduct consultations with the affected communities to address concerns and
3 gather feedback on the implementation of government infrastructure projects
4 therein.

5 (b) Mitigation measures shall be implemented to minimize disruptions to local
6 communities.

7 **SECTION 13. *Arbitration Mechanism.*** - An arbitration mechanism shall be
8 established to resolve disputes arising from the implementation of round-the-clock
9 operations, ensuring a fair and timely resolution.

10 **SECTION 14. *Research and Development.*** - A portion of the budget allocated
11 for infrastructure projects shall be earmarked for research and development
12 initiatives aimed at identifying innovative technologies and practices to further
13 enhance the efficiency of round-the-clock operations.

14 **SECTION 15. *Accessibility and Inclusivity.*** -

15 (a) The implementing agency shall ensure that round-the-clock operations are
16 accessible to all workers, taking into consideration the needs of vulnerable sectors,
17 such as women, persons with disabilities, and marginalized communities.

18 (b) Adequate accommodations and support services shall be provided as necessary.

19 **SECTION 16. *Public Awareness Campaign.*** - The implementing agency shall
20 conduct a public awareness campaign to inform the public about the benefits of
21 round-the-clock operations, the anticipated impact on project timelines, and the
22 measures taken to address potential concerns.

23 **SECTION 17. *Integration with National Development Plans.*** - The
24 implementation of round-the-clock operations shall be integrated into existing and
25 future national and local development plans to ensure alignment with overall
26 development goals.

27 **SECTION 18. *Periodic Review.*** - The effectiveness of round-the-clock
28 operations shall be subject to periodic review by the implementing agency, with
29 adjustments made as necessary to improve efficiency and address emerging
30 challenges.

31 **SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and
32 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or
33 amended accordingly.
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1 **SECTION 11. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
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