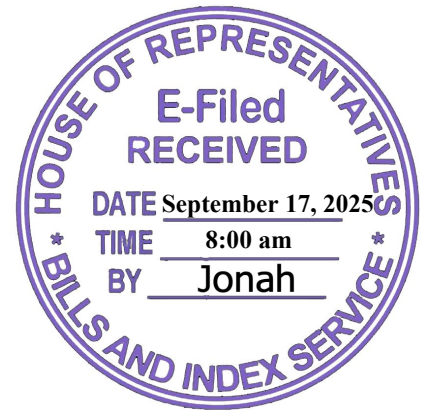


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HOUSE BILL NO. 4623



Introduced by Representatives
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AN ACT
STREAMLINING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE
PROJECTS THROUGH ROUND-THE-CLOCK OPERATIONS TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY
AND ITS EFFECTIVE EXECUTION

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Delayed infrastructure projects remain a major barrier to national development, resulting in economic inefficiencies, increased public inconvenience, and rising project costs. This proposed measure seeks to address this by institutionalizing round-the-clock operations—or 24/7 work shifts—in the implementation of major government infrastructure projects, particularly the construction and rehabilitation of roads and bridges.


Notably, a similar measure is pending in the Senate: Senate Bill No. 251 (20th Congress), the 'Accelerated Infrastructure Development Act of 2025,' filed by Senator Erwin T. Tulfo on July 8, 2025, which likewise seeks to streamline the implementation of government infrastructure projects through round-the-clock operations. Harmonization with this Senate proposal is encouraged to promote coherence and expedite passage.

This bill is grounded in Article II, Sections 9 and 20 of the 1987 Constitution, which mandate the State to promote a just social order and sustained economic growth through the development of public infrastructure.

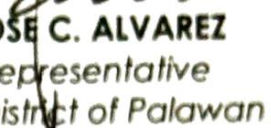
To ensure fairness and sustainability, the bill mandates compliance with the Labor Code of the Philippines (PD No. 442) for worker protections, requires Environmental Impact Assessments (PD No. 1586), and provides for community consultations to minimize disruptions. It further allows incentives for contractors and workers, supports training programs through DOLE and TESDA, and mandates the use of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to track progress and transparency through an online platform. A Joint Congressional Oversight Committee and expedited dispute resolution through CIAC are also established.

In sum, this measure promotes faster and more accountable infrastructure development, while upholding labor rights, community welfare, and environmental sustainability.

In light of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is fervently sought.



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PURPOSES

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

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the “Accelerated
2 *Infrastructure Development Act of 2025.*”

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — It is the policy of the State to enhance
4 the efficiency, timeliness, and cost-effectiveness of government infrastructure
5 projects, particularly in the construction, repair, and maintenance of roads
6 and bridges. To this end, the State shall mandate the use of round-the-clock
7 operations as a primary strategy for accelerating project completion, while
8 ensuring the protection of labor rights, community welfare, and environmental
9 sustainability.

10 Sec. 3. *Coverage.* — This Act shall apply to all government infrastructure
11 projects of:

- 12 (a) the national government,
13 (b) local government units (LGUs),
14 (c) government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), and
15 (d) all projects covered under Republic Act No. 11966 (Public-Private
16 Partnership Code of the Philippines),

17 particularly those involving the construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance
18 of roads and bridges, regardless of funding source.

19 Sec. 4. *Round-the-Clock Operations.* — a) All covered projects shall, as
20 a general rule, implement round-the-clock operations to ensure continuous
21 and efficient progress.

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1 b) Implementing agencies shall determine the shift schedule, with a
2 minimum of three (3) shifts daily, considering the project's nature, scope,
3 location, and safety.

4 c) Workers engaged shall be entitled to labor standards protection in
5 accordance with the Labor Code of the Philippines, including:

- 6 1. overtime pay,
- 7 2. night shift differential,
- 8 3. hazard pay,
- 9 4. rest periods,
- 10 5. and all other applicable benefits.

11 d) The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) shall ensure strict
12 enforcement of labor rights in the implementation of this Act.

13 e) Exemptions to round-the-clock operations may be granted by the
14 implementing agency, subject to:

- 15 1. public health or safety concerns,
- 16 2. lack of skilled workforce,
- 17 3. force majeure or national emergency,
- 18 4. security threats, or
- 19 5. strong opposition from affected communities.

20 *Sec. 5. Phased Implementation.* — The Department of Public Works and
21 Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the National Economic and
22 Development Authority (NEDA), shall identify pilot areas for initial
23 implementation, conduct phased or staggered rollout nationwide, and
24 prioritize high-traffic or high-impact infrastructure corridors.

25 *Sec. 6. Incentives.* — Subject to availability of funds and applicable laws,
26 contractors and workers participating in round-the-clock operations may be
27 granted monetary and non-monetary incentives based on criteria set by the
28 implementing agency.

29 Incentives may include tax credits, performance bonuses, public
30 recognition, or access to government financing programs.

31 *Sec. 7. Workforce Management and Training.* —

32 a) Implementing agencies shall coordinate with DOLE, TESDA, and other
33 agencies to ensure the availability of a skilled and sufficient workforce.

34 b) Upskilling and shift-adaptability training programs shall be initiated for
35 workers involved in round-the-clock operations.

36 *Sec. 8. Environmental Impact Assessment.* — Before implementation, an
37 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) shall be conducted to assess noise and
38 light pollution, carbon emissions, waste disposal, and other possible
39 environmental impacts of nighttime construction activities.

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1 The results of the EIA shall be made publicly available, and mitigation
2 measures must be put in place.

3 *Sec. 9. Health and Safety Standards.* — The DPWH, in coordination with
4 DOLE and the Department of Health (DOH), shall issue and enforce
5 comprehensive occupational safety and health standards specific to round-
6 the-clock operations, including:

- 7 (a) safe lighting,
- 8 (b) proper rest facilities,
- 9 (c) mental and physical fatigue prevention,
- 10 (d) and periodic safety inspections.

11 *Sec. 10. Community Engagement.* —

12 (a) Prior to project implementation, agencies must conduct community
13 consultations in affected areas to:

- 14 1. present project details,
- 15 2. hear concerns, and
- 16 3. incorporate reasonable adjustments.

17 (b) The agency shall implement mitigation plans to minimize disruptions to
18 daily life, including noise barriers, detour plans, and communication
19 hotlines.

20 *Sec. 11. Arbitration and Dispute Resolution.* — Any dispute arising from
21 the implementation of this Act shall be submitted to the Construction Industry
22 Arbitration Commission (CIAC) for resolution in accordance with its rules. The
23 CIAC shall develop expedited arbitration procedures specific to this Act.

24 *Sec. 12. Research, Innovation, and KPIs.* —

25 a) A portion of infrastructure budgets shall be allocated to research and
26 development of technologies, systems, and best practices to improve 24/7
27 operations.

28 b) The DPWH shall establish Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to monitor
29 the:

- 30 1. speed,
- 31 2. cost-efficiency,
- 32 3. quality, and
- 33 4. socio-environmental impact of projects.

34 c) Annual performance reports shall be submitted to Congress and
35 published online.

36 *Sec. 13. Accessibility and Inclusivity.* — a) Implementing agencies shall
37 ensure that recruitment and work environments are inclusive and accessible
38 to women, persons with disabilities (PWDs), and members of marginalized
39 sectors.

40 b) Appropriate accommodations and support services shall be provided
41 to ensure full participation.

42 *Sec. 14. Transparency and Public Awareness.* —

1 a) Implementing agencies shall maintain an online platform that
2 publishes:

- 3 1. project schedules,
- 4 2. implementation status,
- 5 3. EIA results,
- 6 4. worker rights guides,
- 7 5. and channels for public feedback.

8 b) Agencies shall conduct awareness campaigns to inform the public of
9 project benefits and address potential concerns.

10 Sec. 15. *Integration with Development Plans.* — All covered agencies
11 and LGUs shall integrate round-the-clock operations into their respective
12 national and local development plans, infrastructure programs, and annual
13 investment plans.

14 Sec. 16. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — Within ninety (90) days
15 from effectivity, the DPWH, in consultation with DOLE, DENR, DOH, NEDA, LGUs,
16 labor groups, civil society, and private sector stakeholders, shall promulgate
17 the *Implementing Rules and Regulations* of this Act.

18 Sec. 17. *Joint Congressional Oversight Committee.* — A Joint
19 Congressional Oversight Committee composed of three (3) members each
20 from the Senate and the House of Representatives shall monitor the
21 implementation of this Act. It shall:

- 22 (a) conduct quarterly public hearings,
- 23 (b) issue reports,
- 24 (c) and cease to exist five (5) years after the Act's effectivity.

25 Sec. 18. *Appropriations.* — The amount necessary for the initial
26 implementation shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of
27 concerned departments and agencies. Thereafter, funds shall be included in
28 the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

29 Sec. 19. *Separability Clause.* — If any provision of this Act is declared
30 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall
31 remain in full force and effect.

32 Sec. 20. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, presidential decrees, executive
33 orders, memoranda, circulars, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are
34 inconsistent with the Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

35 Sec. 21. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
36 after its publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general
37 circulation.

38 *Approved,*