

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City
TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session
House Bill No. **5270**



Introduced by Representative
BRIAN POE, PhD, MNSA

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Delays in the construction of our country's infrastructure projects harm more than just our economy. They also cost taxpayers millions of pesos. According to DEPDev's 2024 Official Development Assistance Portfolio Review Report, most implementation delays remain concentrated in complex infrastructure project. Such delay cost the government USD 16.80 million in commitment fees in 2024. This happened because some national agencies failed to meet agreed construction schedules. Research further confirms that delays lead to higher costs, as material prices rise and supplies become harder to secure over time. It is now urgent for policymakers to act and put an end to these avoidable setbacks.

This pressing need is the reason I am filing this bill. It seeks to reform our national approach to infrastructure development so that the Philippines can meet the demands of the modern era.

The Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery Act proposes round-the-clock operations for priority infrastructure projects. This includes roads, bridges, railways, and ports. It is a strong

statement of our dedication to improve the country's infrastructure as quickly as possible. By allowing work to continue day and night, we can finish vital projects faster. This will reduce delays and bring benefits to our communities sooner, especially to commuters who rely on these systems every day.

This measure will also ensure that the government no longer pays penalties or buys materials at inflated prices caused by project delays. The millions of pesos saved can then be used to strengthen public services such as health care, education, and social programs, where they will have the greatest impact on people's lives.

Once this bill becomes law, it will boost our nation's standing in the global economy. In a world that values speed and efficiency, the ability to deliver infrastructure projects on time is a major advantage. The Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery Act will position the Philippines as a leader in infrastructure development. It will show the world that our country can innovate, adapt, and respond to changing conditions.

Most importantly, it sends a clear message to investors and partners everywhere. The Philippines is open for business, and we are building the infrastructure to prove it.

For all these reasons, I respectfully call for the immediate passage of this bill.



HON. BRIAN POE, PhD, MNSA
Representative
FPJ Panday Bayanihan Party-List

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS

First Regular Session

House Bill No. 5270

Introduced by Representative

BRIAN POE, PhD, MNSA

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

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

**CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the “Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery Act.”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to enhance the efficiency of all government infrastructure projects which entails their completion according to schedule. To achieve this, the State mandates a comprehensive approach on round-the-clock operations of such projects to optimize public resources and expedite project timelines.

SEC. 3. *Coverage.* – This Act shall apply to all government infrastructure projects funded by the national government, local government units, and government-owned and controlled corporations, particularly those involving hard infrastructure projects like the construction, repair, and maintenance of roads and bridges.

SEC. 4. *Round-the-Clock Operations.* –

(a) All government infrastructure projects covered by this Act shall implement round-the-clock operations to ensure their efficiency and timeline compliance.

(b) The implementing agency shall develop an appropriate shift schedule among the workers, taking into consideration the nature and scope of the project and relevant labor laws and regulations, to maximize workforce and equipment utilization.

(c) The minimum number of shifts in a single day for projects that will implement round-the-clock operations shall be no less than three (3).

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

SEC. 5. *Budgetary Allocation.* – Funding for the implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the annual budget of the concerned government agencies.

Appropriation shall include provisions to cover additional expenses related to round-the-clock operations, such as overtime pay, safety measures, and logistical requirements.

SEC. 6. *Incentives* – To motivate compliance and ensure the efficiency of round-the-clock operations, contractors and workers engaged in government infrastructure projects under this Act may be eligible for incentives based on the criteria and guidelines established by the appropriate implementing agency.

SEC. 7. *Workforce Management* – The implementing agency:

(a) Shall coordinate with the relevant labor agencies to ensure the availability of skilled workers for round-the-clock operations.

(b) May initiate training programs to enhance the skills of workers and improve adaptability to shift work.

SEC. 8. *Health and Safety Standards.* – The implementing agency shall establish and enforce health and safety standards for round-the-clock operations to protect the well-being of workers and mitigate potential occupational and safety hazards.

SEC. 9. *Penalties for Non-Compliance* –

(a) Failure to adhere to the provisions of this Act shall result in penalties for the implementing agency, such as but not limited to possible budgetary reductions for future projects.

(b) Contractors found to be negligent in implementing the provisions of this Act will face sanctions, such as but not limited to suspension from bidding for and participating in other government projects.

SEC. 10. *Research and Development* –

A portion of the budget allocated for infrastructure projects shall be earmarked for research and development initiatives aimed at identifying innovative technologies and practices to further enhance the efficiency of round-the-clock operations.

SEC. 11. *Accessibility and Inclusivity* –

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

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

SEC. 12. *Public Awareness Campaign* – The implementing agency shall conduct a public awareness campaign to inform the public about the benefits of round-the-clock operations, the anticipated impact on project timelines, and the measures taken to address potential concerns.

SEC. 13. *Integration with National Development Plans* – The implementation of the round-the-clock operations shall be integrated into existing and future national and local development plans to ensure alignment with overall development goals.

SEC. 14. *Periodic Review* – The effectiveness of round-the-clock operations shall be subject to periodic review by the implementing agency, with adjustments made as necessary to improve efficiency and address emerging challenges.

SEC. 15. *Separability Clause* – Should any part of this Act be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof that not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 16. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Furthermore, the Bureau may define such other terms as may be used in the implementation of this Act.

Approved,


HON. BRIAN POE, PhD, MNSA
Representative
FPJ Panday Bayanihan Party-List