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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6779



Introduced by Representative ANTOLIN “LENLEN” A. ORETA III

AN ACT
AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 12 OF THE REPUBLIC ACT 9514, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES OF 2008".

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Fire Code of the Philippines of 2008 or Republic Act No. 9514, stands as a cornerstone of the nation's commitment to public safety, economic development, and the professionalization of the fire service. Since its enactment, the Code has provided a comprehensive framework for fire prevention, suppression, and the enforcement of safety standards across the country. However, the rapid pace of urbanization, the emergence of new economic and industrial zones, technological advancements, and the increasing complexity of fire hazards have exposed regulatory gaps and operational challenges that must now be addressed.

This proposed measure seeks to update and strengthen the Fire Code to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness in safeguarding lives, property, and critical infrastructure. The bill expands the applicability of the law to encompass all persons, buildings, facilities, and structures-including those situated within economic zones, information technology parks, tourism zones, and other special entities-as well as vehicles, ships, petroleum installations, airports, and other high-risk areas. By closing existing regulatory gaps, the measure ensures that all sectors, particularly those with heightened fire risks, are subject to uniform and robust fire safety standards.

Recognizing the need for adequate resources to fulfill its mandate, the bill modernizes the funding mechanisms of the BFP by introducing new sources of income, including fees for the issuance of clearances assessed based on floor area and hazard level. These mechanisms are intended to support the continuous upgrading of the BFP's manpower, infrastructure, and equipment, enabling it to respond effectively to the evolving landscape of fire risks.

In view of the foregoing, the passage 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:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Republic Act 9514 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 4. Applicability of the Code. – The provisions of the Fire Code shall apply to all persons and all private and public buildings, facilities or structures erected or constructed before and after its effectivity **INCLUDING THOSE THAT ARE CLASSIFIED AS ECONOMIC ZONE, AGRO-INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIC, FREE PORTS AND SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) PARKS AND CENTERS, TOURISM ECONOMIC ZONES, AND OTHER SIMILAR ENTITIES.**”

SEC. 2. Section 12 of the same act is hereby further amended to read as follows

"Section. 12. Appropriation and Sources of Income. –

(a) x x x

(b) x x x

(i) x x x

(ii) One-tenth of one per centum (0.1%) of the verified estimated value of buildings or structures to be erected, from the owner thereof, ~~[but not to exceed fifty thousand (P50,000.00) pesos,]~~ one half to be paid prior to the issuance of the building permit, and the balance, after final inspection and prior to the issuance of the occupancy permit;

x x x”

20 **SEC. 3 *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity
21 of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government shall issue the rules and
22 regulations for its effective implementation.

23 **SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.*** - Should any provision herein be declared unconstitutional, the
24 same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

25 **SEC. 5. *Repealing Claues.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts
26 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
27 accordingly.

28 **SEC. 6. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
29 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

30 *Approved,*