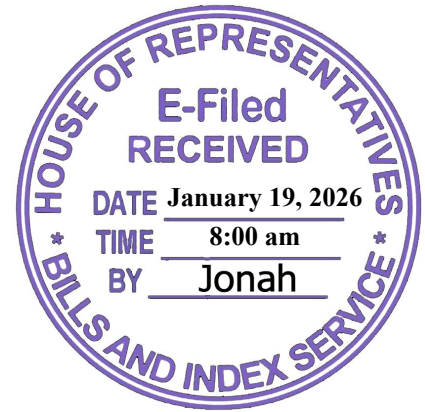




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House Bill No. 7152

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In September 2015, the Philippines signed and became a party state to the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 70/1 which laid down "Agenda 2030" - more commonly known as the "17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" - a collection of universal goals, targets and indicators expected to be pursued by its member states in order to end poverty in any of its form by 2030.

The country's resolute commitment to achieving the 17 SDGs can never be denied. In fact, the 17 SDGs are even integrated and embedded into our current midterm Philippine Development Plan. However, even with good policy direction yet absent undivided focus, consistent monitoring and continuous policy adjustments, policymakers will have the tendency to veer away and get off course from pursuing the achievement of SDGs.

The 17 SDGs are simply a yardstick of how genuine and inclusive our development is. Thus, every SDG and the attainment thereof shall be deeply embedded in the psyche and subconsciousness of every policymaker.

This bill seeks to provide for an institutionalized mechanism by which SDGs will be constantly and regularly put in the awareness and consciousness of our policymakers, both in the legislative and executive branches of the government. This measure aims to mandate the Department of Economy, Planning and Development (DEPDev), together with other relevant Agencies, to appear annually before Congress to report on the status of how our country fare in achieving the SDGs - with the end view of identifying policy areas that need immediate reforms or intervention so that we will stay on track. The time assigned by the bill is within the month of January of each year to apprise our policymakers early in the year (especially before the budget call is issued by the government among its agencies) of the country's standing in terms of meeting the SDGs.

It is hoped that with sustained awareness and institutionalized appraisal, legislative and executive efforts will be framed, focused, channeled, and guided into

seriously chasing the attainment of SDGs which are crafted for the eventual upliftment of the welfare and lives of our dear Filipino people.

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


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (DEPDEV) TO APPEAR ANNUALLY BEFORE CONGRESS TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF HOW THE PHILIPPINES FARE IN ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "*Annual National Report on*
2 *Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Act.*"

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4 **SEC.2. Declaration of Policy.** - Pursuant to Section 28, Article 11 of the 1987
5 Constitution, it is hereby declared a policy of the State to submit to full public disclosure
6 on matters involving public interest - particularly relevant information that will greatly
7 help the government craft the necessary and needed policy actions to achieve the 17
8 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which ultimately aim to the upliftment of the
9 lives of the Filipino people.

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11 **SEC.3. Mandatory Appearance and Reporting before Congress.** - Within the
12 month of January of every year, the Department of Economy, Planning and
13 Development (DEPDev), together with heads of related and necessary government
14 agencies shall appear before the Members of the House of Representatives and
15 Senate, either separately or jointly, to report on the status of how the country fare in
16 achieving the SDGs so far.

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18 **SEC.4. Content of Report.** - The report mandated in this Act shall contain, but
19 may not be limited to, the following:

- 20 1. The actual standing of the country in relation to each of the SDGs using
21 reliable and latest government and non-government data;
22 2. The impact of the programs and projects immediately preceding fiscal year
23 budget;
24 3. The direction and targets aimed for the ensuing year as well as the
25 performance indicators needed to guide actions;

1 4. The legislative measures and/or policy adjustments needed to meet the set
2 direction and targets; and
3 5. Other matters that may be requested by Congress.
4 DEPDev shall submit the written report to Congress at least one week before the
5 scheduled appearance before Congress.
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7 **SEC.5. Livestreaming and/or Broadcasting of the Report.** - The report
8 mandated in this Act shall be livestreamed through the online platforms of Congress,
9 DEPDev and any other government agencies.
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11 Likewise, it shall also be broadcasted in all government television and radio
12 stations.
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14 **SEC.6. Public Disclosure of the Report.** - On or before the scheduled date of
15 appearance before Congress, the written report submitted by DEPDev to Congress
16 shall be made available, accessible, and downloadable in the respective websites of
17 DEPDev and Congress within the next five (5) years.
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19 **SEC. 7. Separability Clause.** – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
20 unconstitutional, the remainder hereof or any provisions not affected thereby shall
21 remain in force and effect.
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23 **SEC. 8. Repealing Clause.** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
24 executive order, letter of instruction, rule, or regulation inconsistent with the provisions
25 of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

26 **SEC. 9. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
27 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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29 *Approved,*