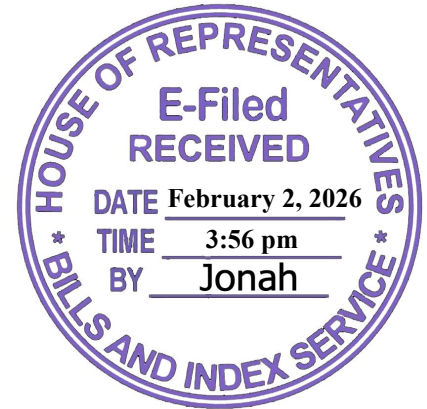


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House Bill No. 7560



Introduced by Representatives ERIC G. YAP and EDVIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to expand the coverage of the Fire Code of the Philippines to include all structures and jurisdictions, including economic zones, information technology (IT) parks, and tourism estates, alongside high-risk assets like vehicles, ships, and petroleum facilities. It strengthens Republic Act No. 9514, otherwise known as the *"Fire Code of the Philippines of 2008"*, to ensure enforceable fire safety standards across all sectors.

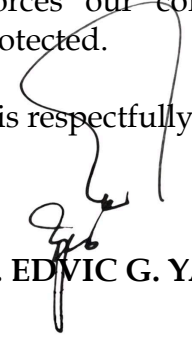
Despite RA 9514 serving as a cornerstone of our standards for fire prevention and safety compliance, the realities that shaped the Fire Code in 2008 are no longer the same realities we face today. Rapid urbanization, the rise of new economic and industrial zones, advances in technology, and the increasing complexity of fire hazards have revealed gaps in regulation and practice that must be addressed to prevent loss of life and property.

This proposed measure also recognizes the Bureau of Fire Protection's (BFP) need for adequate resources to fully carry out its mandate. It updates Section 12(B)(2) to remove the P50,000 ceiling imposed on construction fees, ensuring that collections reflect actual property values in a modern real estate market. These mechanisms are intended to support the continuous upgrading of the BFP's manpower, infrastructure, and equipment. It enables the Bureau to respond effectively to the evolving landscape of fire risks.

Ultimately, fire safety should not be a privilege determined by geography or jurisdiction. This vital piece of legislation reinforces our commitment to a disaster-resilient Philippines where every Filipino is protected.

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


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AN ACT

EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE FIRE CODE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 4 AND 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT 9514, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES OF 2008", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Section 4 of Republic Act (RA) No. 9514, otherwise known as the "*Fire Code of the Philippines of 2008*", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 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 ZONES, AGRO-INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIC ZONES, FREE PORTS AND SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) PARKS AND CENTERS, TOURISM ECONOMIC ZONES, AND OTHER SIMILAR ENTITIES.**"

SEC. 2. Section 12 of RA No. 9514, otherwise known as the "*Fire Code of the Philippines of 2008*", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 12. *Appropriation and Sources of Income.* –

(a) To support the manpower, infrastructure and equipment needs of the fire service of the BFP, such amount as may be necessary to attain the objectives of the Fire Code shall be appropriated and included in the annual appropriation of the BFP.

(b) To partially provide for the funding of the fire service, the following taxes and fees which shall accrue to the general fund of the National Government, are hereby imposed:

(1) Fees to be charged for the issuance of certificates, permits and licenses as provided for in Section 7(a) hereof;

(2) 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),] 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;

(3) One-hundredth of one *per centum* (0.10%) of the assessed value of buildings or structures annually payable upon payment of the real estate tax, except on structures used as single family dwellings;

(4) Two *per centum* (2%) of all premiums, excluding reinsurance premiums for the sale of fire, earthquake and explosion hazard insurance collected by companies, persons or agents licensed to sell such insurances in the Philippines;

(5) Two *per centum* (2%) of gross sales of companies, persons or agents selling firefighting equipment, appliances or devices, including hazard detection and warning systems; and

(6) Two *per centum* (2%) of the service fees received from fire, earthquake, and explosion hazard reinsurance surveys and post loss service of insurance adjustment companies doing business in the Philippines directly through agents.

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

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

Approved,