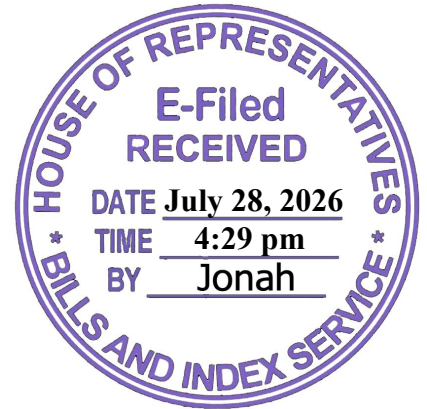


Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

House Bill No. **10327**



Introduced by **Representative ERIC G. YAP**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to repeal Batas Pambansa Blg. 36, entitled "*An Act Imposing an Energy Tax on Electric Power Consumption, and For Other Purposes*". It recognizes that electricity should no longer be burdened by an outdated tax that adds to the cost of every Filipino household's monthly electric bill.

When BP Blg. 36 was enacted in 1979, the country faced economic and energy challenges that justified the imposition of an energy tax. More than four (4) decades later, the circumstances that gave rise to BP Blg. 36 have changed. Electricity has become an indispensable necessity that powers homes, supports education, enables livelihoods, and allows families to access essential services.

Currently, Filipino consumers already shoulder numerous charges in their monthly electricity bills, which include generation, transmission, distribution, system loss, universal charges, and other government-imposed taxes and fees. The continued collection of an additional energy tax only increases the financial burden on households that are already struggling with rising prices and the increasing cost of living.

The government must ensure that taxes remain responsive to present-day realities and do not unnecessarily burden the public. Repealing this outdated tax shall help reduce electricity costs, provide meaningful relief to Filipino families, and allow households to devote more of their income to food, education, healthcare, and other basic necessities.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


HON. ERIC G. YAP

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

House Bill No. **10327**

Introduced by **Representative ERIC G. YAP**

AN ACT
REPEALING BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 36, ENTITLED “AN ACT IMPOSING
AN ENERGY TAX ON ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION”

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

Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*Energy Tax Repeal Act*”.

SEC. 2. *Energy Tax Repeal.* – Batas Pambansa (BP) Blg. 36, entitled “*An Act Imposing an Energy Tax on Electric Power Consumption*”, is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. *Effect of Repeal.* – Upon the effectivity of this Act:

a. The collection of energy tax imposed under BP Blg. 36 shall immediately cease;

b. Electric distribution utilities, electric cooperatives, generation companies, retail electricity suppliers, and all other entities responsible for billing electricity consumers shall discontinue the imposition, collection, and remittance of the energy tax; and

c. Any implementing rules, regulations, circulars, or issuances issued pursuant to BP Blg. 36 shall likewise cease to have force and effect, insofar as they are inconsistent with this Act.

SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Finance, in coordination with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, the Department of Energy, and Energy Regulatory Commission, shall promulgate the rules and regulations and other issuances as may be necessary to ensure the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

Approved,