



Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS  
Second Regular Session



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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1108**

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Submitted by the Committees on Energy and Information and Communications Technology on **June 6, 2024**

Re: House Bill No. 10512

Recommending its approval, in substitution of House Bills Numbered 225, 993, 4428, 5870, and 7138 and the Privilege Speech delivered by Representative Florida “Rida” B. Robes on May 22, 2023  
Sponsors: Representatives Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Tobias “Toby” M. Tiangco, Gerville “Jinky Bitrics” R. Luistro

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Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Energy and Information and Communications Technology to which were referred House Bill No. 225, introduced by Representative Geraldine B. Roman, entitled:

**AN ACT  
MANDATING THE PROPER INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF  
OVERHEAD ELECTRIC SUPPLY, COMMUNICATION LINES, AND  
STRUCTURE BY ALL ELECTRIC, CABLE AND  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING**

House Bill No. 993, introduced by Representative Mark O. Go, entitled:

**AN ACT  
MANDATING THE PROPER INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF  
OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, COMMUNICATION LINES,  
AND STRUCTURES BY ALL ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, CABLE, AND  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING**

House Bill No. 4428, introduced by Representative Rex Gatchalian, entitled:

**AN ACT  
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OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, COMMUNICATION LINES,  
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING**

House Bill No. 5870, introduced by Representative Joseph Gilbert F. Violago, entitled:

**AN ACT  
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OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, COMMUNICATION LINES,  
AND STRUCTURES BY ALL ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, CABLE, AND**

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING**

House Bill No. 7138, introduced by Representative Gus S. Tambunting, entitled:

**AN ACT  
MANDATING THE PROPER INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, COMMUNICATION LINES, AND STRUCTURES BY ALL ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, CABLE, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING**

and the Privilege Speech of Representative Florida “Rida” B. Robes delivered on May 22, 2023, entitled:

**LIVE WIRE: NAGBIBIGAY BUHAY O KAMATAYAN**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 10512, entitled:

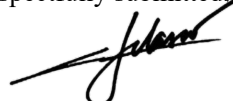
**AN ACT  
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be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 225, 993, 4428, 5870, and 7138 and the Privilege Speech of Representative Florida “Rida” B. Robes delivered on May 22, 2023, with Representatives Geraldine B. Roman, Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro, Faustino “Inno” A. Dy V, Mark O. Go, Christopherson “Coco” M. Yap, Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo, Rex Gatchalian, Claudine Diana D. Bautista-Lim, Joseph Gilbert F. Violago, Gus S. Tambunting, Florida “Rida” B. Robes, Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Tobias “Toby” M. Tiangco, Arnie B. Fuentebella, Dan S. Fernandez, Rosanna “Ria” V. Vergara, Eulogio R. Rodriguez, Ambrosio C. Cruz, Jr., Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V, Zaldy S. Villa, Peter John P. Calderon, Joseph Stephen “Caraps” S. Paduano, Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon, Wowo Fortes, Johnny Ty Pimentel, Francisco “Kiko” B. Benitez, Roman T. Romulo and Yevgeny Vincente B. Emano, as authors thereof.



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Chairperson  
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Respectfully submitted,



**LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Energy

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER  
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**AN ACT**

**MANDATING THE PROPER INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, COMMUNICATION LINES, AND STRUCTURES BY ALL ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, CABLE, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING**

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

1       **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** - This Act shall be known as the "*Safe Overhead Electric*  
2 *Distribution, Cable, and Communications Lines Act*"

3       **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to:

- 4           a) Ensure the safety and protection of life and property;  
5           b) Uphold the general welfare; and  
6           c) Promote good housekeeping and implement sound maintenance of utility  
7           poles, lines, cables, equipment and accessories in the conduct and delivery of  
8           services by electric, cable and telecommunications companies to their clients.

9       **SEC. 3. *Responsibility of Electric Distribution, Cable, and Telecommunications***  
10 ***Companies.*** - It shall be the responsibility of electric distribution, cable, and  
11 telecommunications companies to safeguard life and property in the conduct and delivery of

1 services to their clients.

2 All electric distribution, cable and telecommunications companies shall ensure public  
3 safety and prepare contingencies for calamities or any unforeseen event that may cause  
4 harm, expose a person to peril and cause damage to property, by undertaking necessary  
5 precautionary measures to prevent the same. Electric distribution, cable, and  
6 telecommunications companies shall implement sound maintenance programs in all their  
7 service areas. To this end, all electric distribution, cable, and telecommunications companies  
8 shall perform the following:

- 9 (a) Conduct periodic inspection of overhead electric distribution and communication  
10 lines, in compliance with the standard clearance under the Philippine Electrical  
11 Code Part 2 (PEC 2) and as provided for in this Act or its implementing rules and  
12 regulations;
- 13 (b) Fix and bundle-up dangling overhead secondary and communication lines;
- 14 (c) Remove unused overhead electric distribution and communication lines;
- 15 (d) Remove unused poles, relocate obstructing poles along carriageways and public  
16 roads, and replace damaged or rotten utility poles; and
- 17 (e) Strictly adhere to and ensure compliance with the standards and regulations  
18 provided under the Philippine Electrical Code (PEC), as approved and adopted by  
19 the Board of Electrical Engineering of the Professional Regulation Commission  
20 pursuant to the mandate vested upon the Board under Republic Act (RA) No.  
21 7920, otherwise known as the "*New Electrical Engineering Law*".

22 **SEC. 4. *Joint Use of Structures.*** - The joint use of structures shall be encouraged for  
23 circuits along highways, roads, streets, and alleys. The choice between joint use of structures  
24 and separate lines shall be determined through collaborative consideration of all the factors  
25 involved, including the character of circuits, the total number and weight of conductors, tree  
26 conditions, number and location of branches and service drops, structure conflicts, and  
27 availability of right-of-way (ROW) and other factors as may be provided in the rules and  
28 regulations to be promulgated to implement this Act.

29 Where such joint use is mutually agreed upon, it shall be subject to the appropriate  
30 grade of construction specified in Article 3.5 of PEC 2.

31 **SEC. 5. *Responsibility of the Local Government Units (LGUs).*** – All cities and  
32 municipalities shall, through their respective city or municipal engineers or the Department  
33 of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in the case of national roads, ensure that every  
34 utility company, within their territorial jurisdiction, comply with the provisions of Section  
35 3 of this Act.

36 The *Sangguniang Panlungsod* or *Sangguniang Bayan* concerned shall, pursuant to RA

1 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the “*Local Government Code of 1991*”, enact an  
2 ordinance governing the overhead installation of electric distribution lines, cables and  
3 utility poles, in accordance with the Electrical Code, National Building Code (NBC), and RA  
4 11361, otherwise known as the “*Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Act*”, and in consultation  
5 with the agencies concerned.

6 The city or municipal engineer, or the authorized representative of such city or  
7 municipality shall, in addition to the authority to withhold the grant or renewal of licenses  
8 or business permits, file a complaint against the electric distribution, cable, or  
9 telecommunications company, which fails to conduct periodic inspection of its respective  
10 utility line installations or fix or bundle up its utility lines or remove all old and unused  
11 lines in violation of the regulations and standards provided for under the PEC 2 before the  
12 court of competent jurisdiction. Any person may file an administrative complaint against  
13 the city or municipal engineer who fails to monitor the compliance of electric distribution,  
14 cable, and telecommunications companies with the standards and regulations provided  
15 under the PEC 2.

16 Once it has been notified of a possible violation, the city or municipality, or the DPWH  
17 in the case of national roads, shall send notice to the erring company to rectify its error  
18 within a reasonable time or to explain its reasons for failure to comply with the standards  
19 set forth in RA 7920 and its implementing rules and regulations.

20 Upon failure to rectify its error or continuous non-compliance without justifiable cause,  
21 the city or municipal engineer, or the DPWH in the case of national roads, may conduct an  
22 investigation upon due notice to the erring company. A finding of fault by the authorized  
23 person conducting the investigation may result in the withholding of the renewal of the  
24 corresponding business licenses or permits for erring electric distribution, cable, and  
25 telecommunications companies.

26 The public utilities shall notify the LGU concerned on violations on the issuance of  
27 building permits for non-compliance with the rules and the standards on setbacks and  
28 clearances under the PEC, the NBC, and RA 11361, as provided in this Act.

29 **SEC. 6. *Installation of Overhead Electric Distribution Lines, Cables and Utility***  
30 ***Poles and Standard Requirements.*** - All overhead electric distribution lines, cables, and  
31 utility poles shall be inspected by the city or municipal engineer, or the DPWH, whichever  
32 is applicable. The installation of overhead electric distribution lines, cables, and utility poles  
33 shall conform to the PEC 2, Philippine Distribution Code (PDC), Distribution Services and  
34 Open Access Rules, NBC, and other applicable existing local and international standards,  
35 of which compliance shall be ensured by the Inter-Agency Committee under Section 9 of this  
36 Act. The specific location shall be inspected by the engineering officials prior to, during and

1 after the installation.

2 In cases where the ideal location to install a pole is unavailable, the concerned city or  
3 municipal government, or the DPWH, shall assist the pole owner in identifying and securing  
4 the right-of-way (ROW) for alternative pole locations, at no cost to the government.

5 Pending the promulgation of standards by the Inter-Agency Committee under Section  
6 9 of this Act, or a uniform set of requirements by the barangay, city, or municipal  
7 government unit on the overhead installation and maintenance of electric distribution lines,  
8 cables, utility poles, equipment and accessories, the city or municipal government shall  
9 assist the owner of a facility on issues concerning the same.

10 **SEC. 7. *Creation of a Monitoring and Service Team.*** - A Monitoring and Service  
11 Team, led by the city or municipal engineer, whichever is applicable, and composed of  
12 representatives from the pole owners and the electric distribution, cable, and  
13 telecommunications companies, shall, in coordination with the barangay, city, or municipal  
14 engineer or the DPWH, whichever is applicable, be created to perform the immediate and  
15 necessary clean-up operation and maintenance of overhead electric distribution lines,  
16 cables, utility poles, equipment, and accessories in compliance with the provisions of this  
17 Act.

18 The removal or realignment of lines, cables, and utility poles shall be performed by the  
19 concerned utilities. The clean-up operation shall commence within six (6) months from the  
20 promulgation of the IRR pursuant to Section 12 of this Act.

21 **SEC. 8. *Role of the Monitoring and Service Team.*** - The Monitoring and Service  
22 Teams shall conduct a semi-annual inspection to check compliance to Section 3 of this Act  
23 and maintenance of their electric distribution lines, cables, utility poles, equipment and  
24 accessories installed in a particular area for the efficient delivery of their services.  
25 Maintenance shall include proper bundling, casing and replacement of damaged electric  
26 distribution lines and cables, and repair and replacement of utility poles, equipment, and  
27 accessories, and retirement of unused lines, cables and utility poles.

28 Upon finding of failure to comply with the relevant regulations, the Monitoring and  
29 Service Teams shall inform the electric distribution, cable, and telecommunications  
30 companies which shall be given a reasonable period of time to relocate and realign displaced  
31 lines, cables, utility poles, equipment, and accessories as a result of a public infrastructure  
32 work. Prior to the implementation of the construction project, the implementing government  
33 agency or private entity shall inform and coordinate with the electric distribution, cable, or  
34 telecommunication company concerned for the reinforcement or relocation of its lines,  
35 cables, utility poles, equipment, and accessories. The cost of reinforcing or relocating such  
36 lines, cables, utility poles, equipment and accessories shall be shouldered by the

1 implementing agency or private entity of the construction project.

2 The implementing government agency of a construction project shall inform and  
3 coordinate with the electric distribution, cable, or telecommunication company concerned  
4 for the relocation of its lines, cables, utility poles, equipment and accessories. The cost of  
5 relocating such lines, cables, utility poles, equipment and accessories shall be shouldered by  
6 the implementing agency of the construction project. The implementing government agency  
7 shall provide its plans, specifications and provide utility corridors for the adequate  
8 evaluation of the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities. All costs that  
9 shall be incurred in the necessary relocation of facilities of the public utilities concerned as  
10 a result of such public infrastructure work shall be borne by the implementing agency or  
11 project proponent as part of its obligation to deliver the ROW, or by the private  
12 concessionaire, as the case may be.

13 A real-time inspection and monitoring shall be done in cases of emergencies and  
14 calamities.

15 **SEC. 9. *Inter-Agency Committee.*** - An Inter-Agency Committee to be chaired by the  
16 ERC and composed of authorized representatives from the DPWH, Department of the  
17 Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Information and Communications  
18 Technology (DICT), National Telecommunications Company (NTC), National Transmission  
19 Corporation (TransCo), National Electrification Administration (NEA), Department of  
20 Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) and representatives from the LGUs  
21 and public utilities, is hereby created to set the prescribed standards in the overhead  
22 installation of lines, cables, utility poles, equipment, and accessories, monitor the same and  
23 conduct periodic inspection thereof to ensure compliance thereto and shall jointly plan for  
24 the conduct of clean-up drives, identify issues, prioritize key areas, recommend best  
25 practices or way forward, to ensure compliance of the latter with applicable existing laws,  
26 rules, and regulations of relevant agencies or offices of the government, such as the PEC,  
27 the PDC, and the NBC.

28 The Inter-Agency Committee may invite resource persons, if deemed necessary, from  
29 Professional Regulatory Board of Electrical Engineering (PRBEE), PRC-Board of  
30 Electronics and Communications Engineering (PRC-BECE), the Institute of Integrated  
31 Electrical Engineers of the Philippines (IIEE) and two (2) representatives from the private  
32 sector.

33 **SEC. 10. *Penalty Provisions.*** - In addition to the civil liabilities prescribed by Article  
34 2176 of the Civil Code on quasi-delict and the penalties prescribed by Article 365 of the  
35 Revised Penal Code on criminal negligence, and unless otherwise provided under special  
36 laws, an electric distribution, cable, or telecommunications company found in violation of

1 any provision of this Act, may be punished with a fine of not less than Two hundred fifty  
2 thousand pesos (₱250,000.00) but not more than Five hundred thousand pesos (₱500,000.00)  
3 for the first offense; a fine of not less than Five hundred thousand pesos (₱500,000.00) but  
4 not more than One million pesos (₱1,000,000.00) for the second offense; and a fine of not less  
5 than One million pesos (₱1,000,000.00) but not more than Two million pesos (₱2,000,000.00)  
6 for the third and succeeding offenses, as may be determined by the court.

7 **SEC. 11. *Joint Congressional Oversight Committee (JCOC).*** – There is hereby  
8 created a Joint Congressional Oversight Committee to monitor the effective implementation  
9 of this Act, recommend the necessary remedial or administrative measures, and perform  
10 such other duties and functions as may be necessary to attain the objectives of this Act.

11 The JCOC shall be composed of ten (10) members, with the Chairpersons of the  
12 Committees on Energy of both Houses of Congress as Co-Chairpersons. The Chairpersons  
13 of the House Committee on Information and Communications Technology and Senate  
14 Committee on Public Services shall be the Co-Vice Chairpersons. An additional three (3)  
15 members from each House shall be designated by the Senate President and the Speaker of  
16 the House of Representatives, respectively: *Provided*, That at least one (1) member from  
17 each House shall be nominated by their respective Minority Leaders. The Secretariat of the  
18 JCOC shall be the existing secretariat personnel of the concerned Committees of both  
19 Houses of Congress.

20 **SEC. 12. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).*** - Within one hundred twenty  
21 (120) days, the ERC shall, in consultation with the DPWH, DILG, DICT, NTC, TRANSCO,  
22 PRBEE, PRC- BECE, NEA, IIEE, DHSUD, Institute of Electronics Engineers of the  
23 Philippines, and representatives from the LGUs, the electric distribution, cable, and  
24 telecommunications companies, promulgate the necessary IRR from the effectivity of this  
25 Act.

26 **SEC. 13. *Separability Clause.*** - If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared  
27 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof, which are not affected thereby shall  
28 continue to be in full force and effect.

29 **SEC. 14. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts  
30 thereof, which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act, are hereby  
31 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

34 Approved,

# FACT SHEET

## House Bill No. **10512**

(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 225, 993, 4428, 5870, and 7138 and the Privilege Speech of Rep. Robes on May 22, 2023)

(As approved by the Committees on Energy and Information and Communications Technology on March 18, 2024)

### AN ACT

## **MANDATING THE PROPER INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, COMMUNICATION LINES, AND STRUCTURES BY ALL ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, CABLE, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING**

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVES GERALDINE B. ROMAN, GERVILLE "JINKY BITRICS" R. LUISTRO, FAUSTINO "INNO" A. DY V, MARK O. GO, CHRISTOPHERSON "COCO" M. YAP, JURDIN JESUS M. ROMUALDO, REX GATCHALIAN, CLAUDINE DIANA D. BAUTISTA-LIM, JOSEPH GILBERT F. VIOLAGO, GUS S. TAMBUNTING, FLORIDA "RIDA" B. ROBES, LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO, TOBIAS "TOBY" M. TIANGCO, ARNIE B. FUENTEBELLA, DAN S. FERNANDEZ, ROSANNA "RIA" V. VERGARA, EULOGIO R. RODRIGUEZ, AMBROSIO C. CRUZ, JR., FRANCISCO PAOLO P. ORTEGA V, ZALDY S. VILLA, PETER JOHN P. CALDERON, JOSEPH STEPHEN "CARAPS" S. PADUANO, ANNA VICTORIA VELOSO-TUAZON, WOWO FORTES, JOHNNY TY PIMENTEL, FRANCISCO "KIKO" B. BENITEZ, ROMAN T. ROMULO, AND YEVGENY VINCENTE B. EMANO

*Committee Referral:* **COMMITTEE ON ENERGY** (Primary)

*Committee Chairperson:* **REP. LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO**

*Committee Referral:* **COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY** (Secondary)

*Committee Chairperson:* **REP. TOBIAS "TOBY" TIANGCO**

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- To ensure the safety and protection of life and property as well as uphold the general welfare of customers in the conduct and delivery of services by electric distribution, cable, and telecommunications companies; and
- To implement sound maintenance of utility poles, lines, cables, equipment, and accessories in the conduct and delivery of services by electric distribution, cable, and telecommunications companies to clients and promote good housekeeping practices.

### **KEY PROVISIONS:**

- Mandates the conduct of periodic inspection of overhead electric distribution and communication lines, in compliance with the standard clearance to the Philippine Electrical Code Part 2;
- Provides that electric distribution, cable, and telecommunications companies shall maintain good housekeeping and implement sound maintenance programs in all their service areas;
- Mandates that the Local Government Units (LGUs) shall ensure that every electric distribution, cable, and telecommunication company, within their territorial jurisdiction, comply with the standards and regulations provided under the Philippine Electrical Code;
- Mandates that a Monitoring and Service Team, led by the city or municipal engineer and composed of representatives from the pole owners and the electric, cable and telecommunications companies, shall, in coordination with the barangay, city or municipal-engineer or the DPWH, whichever is applicable, be created to perform the immediate and necessary clean-up operation and maintenance of overhead electric lines, cables, utility poles, equipment, and accessories in compliance with the provisions of the Act.
- Mandates that an Inter-Agency Committee to be chaired by the ERC and composed of authorized representatives from the DPWH, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), National Telecommunications Company (NTC), National Transmission Corporation (TransCo), National Electrification Administration (NEA), Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHUSD) and representatives from the LGUs and public utilities shall be created to set the prescribed standards in the overhead installation of lines, cables, utility poles, equipment, and accessories, monitor the same and conduct periodic inspection to ensure compliance;
- Mandates that an electric distribution, cable, and telecommunication company found in violation of any provision of the Act and in addition to the civil liabilities prescribed by Article 2176 of the Civil Code on quasi-delict and the penalties prescribed by Article 365 of the Revised Penal Code on criminal negligence, shall be punished with a fine of not less than Two hundred fifty thousand pesos (P250,000.00) but not more than Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) for the first offense; a fine of not less than Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) but not more than One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for the second offense; and a fine of not less than One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) but not more than Two million pesos (P2,000,000.00) for the third and succeeding offenses, as may be determined by the court.
- Mandates that a Joint Congressional Oversight Committee shall be created to monitor the effective implementation of the Act, recommend the necessary remedial or administrative measures, and perform such other duties and functions as may be necessary to attain the objectives of the Act.

## **RELATED LAWS:**

- Republic Act (RA) No. 11361, otherwise known as the “*Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Act*”
- RA No. 11032, otherwise known as “*Ease of Doing Business Act*”
- Article 2176 of the Civil Code
- Article 365 of the Revised Penal Code
- Philippine Electrical Code Part 2