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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 98

Submitted by the Committees on Energy and Information and Communications Technology on February 2, 2026

Re: House Bill No. 7565

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 64, 584, 617, 5238, and 6872

Sponsors: Representatives Jose C. Alvarez and Miguel Luis R. Villafuerte

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Energy and Information and Communications Technology to which were referred House Bill No. 64, introduced by Representative Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo, 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. 584, introduced by Representative Jaime R. Fresnedi, entitled:

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House Bill No. 617, introduced by Representative Antonino B. Roman III, entitled:

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House Bill No. 5238, introduced by Representative Agatha “Agay” A. Cruz, entitled:

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RELOCATION, AND REMOVAL OF OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
DISTRIBUTION, COMMUNICATION LINES, AND STRUCTURES BY
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COMPANIES TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING”**

and House Bill No. 6872, introduced by Representative Christopherson "Coco" M. Yap, entitled:

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have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 7565, entitled:

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be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 64, 584, 617, 5238, and 6872 with Representatives Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo, Noel “Bong” N. Rivera, Jaime R. Fresnedi, Antonino B. Roman III, Brian Poe, Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Mauricio G. Domogan, Antolin A. Oreta III, Charisse Anne C. Hernandez, Roberto “Pinpin” T. Uy, Jr., Salvador A. Pleyto, Ma. Nina Francesca P. Lacson, Walfredo “Arman” R. Dimaguila, Jr., Jesus “Bong” C. Suntay, Maria Cristina C. Angeles, Claudine Diana D. Bautista-Lim, Angelo Marcos Barba, John Tracy F. Cagas, Danilo “Danny” A. Domingo, Sergio C. Dagooc, Caroline B. Agyao, MD, Esmael G. Mangudadatu, Yevgeny Vincente B. Emano, King Collantes, Nelson S. Legacion, Gil “KabarangayJr” Acosta, Agatha “Agay” A. Cruz, Jose C. Alvarez, Miguel Luis R. Villafuerte, Kristine Singson-Meehan, Presley C. De Jesus, Julius Cesar “Jay” V. Vergara, Rosalie Ang Salvame, Arthur C. Yap, Isidro D. Lumayag, Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Romeo S. Momo, Sr., Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr., Mark Anthony G. Santos, Roy M. Gonzales, Rachel Marguerite B. Del Mar, Jose Manuel “JM” Floirendo Lagdameo, Nathaniel M. Oducado, and Christopherson "Coco" M. Yap, as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


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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
8 delivery of services by electric, cable and telecommunications companies

1 to their clients.

2 **SEC. 3. Responsibility of Electric Distribution, Cable, and Telecommunications**

3 **Companies.** - It shall be the responsibility of electric distribution, cable, and
4 telecommunications companies to safeguard life and property in the conduct and
5 delivery of services to their clients.

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

- 13 (a) Conduct periodic inspection of overhead electric distribution and
14 communication lines, in compliance with the standard clearance under the
15 Philippine Electrical Code Part 2 (PEC 2) and as provided for in this Act or its
16 implementing rules and regulations (IRR);
- 17 (b) Fix and bundle-up dangling overhead secondary and communication lines;
- 18 (c) Remove unused overhead electric distribution and communication lines;
- 19 (d) Remove unused poles, relocate obstructing poles along carriageways and
20 public roads, and replace damaged or rotten utility poles; and
- 21 (e) Strictly adhere to and ensure compliance with the standards and regulations
22 provided under the Philippine Electrical Code (PEC), as approved and adopted
23 by the Board of Electrical Engineering of the Professional Regulation
24 Commission pursuant to the mandate vested upon the Board under Republic
25 Act (RA) No. 7920, otherwise known as the "*New Electrical Engineering Law*";
26 National Building Code; and RA No. 11361, otherwise known as the "*Anti-*
27 *Obstruction of Power Lines Act*".

28 **SEC. 4. Joint Use of Structures.** - The joint use of structures shall be encouraged
29 for overhead electric distribution and communications line along highways, roads,
30 streets, and alleys. The choice between joint use of structures and separate lines shall
31 be determined through collaborative consideration of all the factors involved, including
32 the connection of the lines, the total number and weight of conductors, tree conditions,
33 number and location of branches and service drops, structure conflicts, and availability
34 of right-of-way (ROW) and other factors as may be provided in the implementing rules
35 and regulations of this Act.

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

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

The *Sangguniang Panlungsod* or *Sangguniang Bayan* concerned shall, pursuant to RA No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the “*Local Government Code of 1991*”, enact an ordinance governing the overhead installation of electric distribution lines, cables and utility poles, in accordance with the Electrical Code, National Building Code (NBC), and RA No. 11361, and in consultation with the agencies concerned.

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

Once it has been notified of a possible violation, the city or municipality, or the DPWH in the case of national roads, shall send notice to the erring company to rectify its error within a reasonable time or to explain its reasons for failure to comply with the standards set forth in RA No. 7920, otherwise known as the “*New Electrical Engineering Law*”, and its implementing rules and regulations.

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

The public utilities shall notify the LGU concerned on violations on the issuance of building permits for non-compliance with the rules and the standards on setbacks and

clearances under the PEC, the NBC, and RA No. 11361, as provided in this Act.

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

In cases where the ideal location to install a pole is unavailable, the concerned city or municipal government, or the DPWH, shall assist the pole owner in identifying and securing the ROW for alternative pole locations, at no cost to the government.

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

SEC. 7. Creation of a Monitoring and Service Team. - A Monitoring and Service Team, led by the city or municipal engineer, whichever is applicable, and composed of representatives from the pole owners and the electric distribution, 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 distribution lines, cables, utility poles, equipment, and accessories, without any cost from the government in compliance with the provisions of this Act.

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

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

1 accessories, and retirement of unused lines, cables and utility poles.

2 Upon finding of failure to comply with the relevant regulations, the Monitoring and
3 Service Teams shall inform the electric distribution, cable, and telecommunications
4 companies which shall be given a reasonable period of time to relocate and realign
5 displaced lines, cables, utility poles, equipment, and accessories as a result of a public
6 infrastructure work. Prior to the implementation of the construction project, the
7 implementing government agency or private entity shall inform and coordinate with the
8 electric distribution, cable, or telecommunication company concerned for the
9 reinforcement or relocation of its lines, cables, utility poles, equipment, and accessories.
10 The cost of reinforcing or relocating such lines, cables, utility poles, equipment and
11 accessories shall be shouldered by the implementing agency or private entity of the
12 construction project.

13 The implementing government agency of a construction project shall inform and
14 coordinate with the electric distribution, cable, or telecommunication company
15 concerned for the relocation of its lines, cables, utility poles, equipment and accessories.
16 The cost of relocating such lines, cables, utility poles, equipment and accessories shall
17 be shouldered by the implementing agency of the construction project. The implementing
18 government agency shall provide its plans, specifications and provide utility corridors for
19 the adequate evaluation of the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of
20 facilities. All costs that shall be incurred in the necessary relocation of facilities of the
21 public utilities concerned as a result of such public infrastructure work shall be borne by
22 the implementing agency or project proponent as part of its obligation to deliver the
23 ROW, or by the private concessionaire, as the case may be.

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

26 **SEC. 9. *Inter-Agency Committee.*** - An Inter-Agency Committee to be chaired by the
27 Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) and composed of authorized representatives
28 from the DPWH, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department
29 of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), National Telecommunications
30 Company (NTC), National Transmission Corporation (TransCo), National Electrification
31 Administration (NEA), Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development
32 (DHSUD) and representatives from the LGUs and public utilities, is hereby created to
33 set the prescribed standards in the overhead installation of lines, cables, utility poles,
34 equipment, and accessories, monitor the same and conduct periodic inspection thereof
35 to ensure compliance thereto and shall jointly plan for the conduct of clean-up drives,

1 identify issues, prioritize key areas, recommend best practices or way forward, to ensure
2 compliance of the latter with applicable existing laws, rules, and regulations of relevant
3 agencies or offices of the government, such as the PEC, the PDC, and the NBC.

4 The Inter-Agency Committee may invite resource persons, if deemed necessary, from
5 Professional Regulatory Board of Electrical Engineering (PRBEE), Professional
6 Regulatory Commission-Board of Electronics and Communications Engineering (PRC-
7 BECE), the Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers of the Philippines (IIEE) and two
8 (2) representatives from the private sector.

9 **SEC. 10. *Penalty Provisions.*** - In addition to the civil liabilities prescribed by Article
10 2176 of the Civil Code on quasi-delict and the penalties prescribed by Article 365 of the
11 Revised Penal Code on criminal negligence, and unless otherwise provided under
12 special laws, an electric distribution, cable, or telecommunications company found in
13 violation of any provision of this Act, may be punished with a fine of not less than Two
14 hundred fifty thousand pesos (₱250,000.00) but not more than Five hundred thousand
15 pesos (₱500,000.00) for the first offense; a fine of not less than Five hundred thousand
16 pesos (₱500,000.00) but not more than One million pesos (₱1,000,000.00) for the second
17 offense; and a fine of not less than One million pesos (₱1,000,000.00) but not more than
18 Two million pesos (₱2,000,000.00) for the third and succeeding offenses, as may be
19 determined by the court.

20 **SEC. 11. *Transitory Provision.*** – Within five (5) years upon the effectivity of this Act,
21 electric distribution, cable, or telecommunication companies concerned, in coordination
22 with relevant agencies and offices of the government, shall comply with the existing rules
23 and regulations until such time the Inter-Agency Committee has promulgated the new
24 guidelines or standards as mandated under Section 9 hereof.

25 **SEC. 12. *Joint Congressional Oversight Committee (JCOC).*** – There is hereby
26 created a Joint Congressional Oversight Committee to monitor the effective
27 implementation of this Act, recommend the necessary remedial or administrative
28 measures, and perform such other duties and functions as may be necessary to attain
29 the objectives of this Act.

30 The JCOC shall be composed of ten (10) members, with the Chairpersons of the
31 Committees on Energy of both Houses of Congress as Co-Chairpersons. The
32 Chairpersons of the House Committee on Information and Communications Technology
33 and Senate Committee on Public Services shall be the Co-Vice Chairpersons. An
34 additional three (3) members from each House shall be designated by the Senate
35 President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively: *Provided, That*

1 at least one (1) member from each House shall be nominated by their respective Minority
2 Leaders. The Secretariat of the JCOC shall be the existing secretariat personnel of the
3 concerned Committees of both Houses of Congress.

4 **SEC. 13. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within one hundred twenty (120)
5 days, the ERC shall, in consultation with the DPWH, DILG, DICT, NTC, TRANSCO,
6 PRBEE, PRC- BECE, NEA, IIEE, DHSUD, Institute of Electronics Engineers of the
7 Philippines, and representatives from the LGUs, the electric distribution, cable, and
8 telecommunications companies, promulgate the necessary IRR from the effectivity of
9 this Act.

10 **SEC. 14. *Separability Clause.*** - If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is
11 declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof, which are not affected
12 thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

13 **SEC. 15. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts
14 thereof, which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act, are hereby
15 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

16 **SEC. 16. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
17 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

18 *Approved,*



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FACT SHEET

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

Committee Chairperson: **REP. JOSE C. ALVAREZ**

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

Committee Chairperson: **REP. MIGUEL LUIS R. VILLAFUERTE**

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;
- Directs Local Government Units (LGUs) to 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 Department of Public Works and Highways (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.
- Creates an Inter-Agency Committee to be chaired by the Energy Regulatory Commission and composed of authorized representatives from the DPWH, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Information and Communications Technology, National Telecommunications Company, National Transmission Corporation, National Electrification Administration, Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development and representatives from the LGUs and public utilities which shall promulgate 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;
- Provides 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)

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- 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*"
- RA No. 7920, otherwise known as the "*New Electrical Engineering Law*"
- Presidential Decree No. 1096, otherwise known as the "*National Building Code of the Philippines*"
- Article 2176 of the Civil Code
- Article 365 of the Revised Penal Code
- Philippine Electrical Code Part 2