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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 634

Submitted by the Committee on Justice on September 14, 2026

Re: House Bill No. 11263

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6856

Sponsors: Representatives Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro and Brian Poe

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice, to which was referred House Bill No. 6856, introduced by Representative Brian Poe, entitled:

AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO LIPING ZHENG

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 11263, entitled:

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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 6856, with Representatives Brian Poe, Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro, Marcelino C. Libanan and Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

Atty. GERVILLE "JINKY BITRICS" R. LUISTRO
Chairperson
Committee on Justice

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HOUSE BILL NO. 11263
(In substitution of House Bill No. 6856)

Introduced by Representatives Brian Poe, Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro,
Marcelino C. Libanan and Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay

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

1 SECTION 1. Liping Zheng is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights,
2 privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto under
3 the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

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5 SEC. 2. Liping Zheng shall take the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines
6 before an officer duly authorized to administer the same. The Oath of Allegiance shall be
7 registered with the Bureau of Immigration.

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9 SEC. 3. Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration shall
10 issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Liping Zheng, who shall thereupon enter into the full
11 enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

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13 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
14 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

**House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department**

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 11263

(In substitution of House Bill No. 6856)
(Approved by the Committee on August 13, 2026)

**AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO
LIPING ZHENG**

*Introduced by: Reps. Brian Poe, Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro, Marcelino C. Libanan and
Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay*

*Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE***

*Committee Chairperson: **REP. ATTY. GERVILLE "JINKY BITRICS" R. LUISTRO***

OBJECTIVE:

To grant Philippine citizenship to Liping Zheng, born on September 23, 1961 in Guangdong, Peoples Republic of China, and currently a citizen of St. Christopher and Nevis, considering that:

- he has continuously resided in the Philippines for the last seventeen (17) years;
- he moved to the Philippines with his wife, Jianping Xue, and two (2) daughters, Yu Zheng and Lisa Cheng, in 2008, to work at the Asian Development Bank (ADB), where he served as Principal Urban Development Specialist, Lead Urban Development Specialist Advisor from August 4, 2008 until his retirement on March 23, 2022. During his tenure at ADB, he led regional climate resilience programs, including the development of the Climate Change Risk Data Platform and the Climate Risk Screening Tool, which provided science-based data and visual analytics to governments, including Philippine government agencies and local government units, in making informed decisions regarding infrastructure, urban planning, agriculture, and water resource management;
- he has endeavored to contribute to the Filipino community and used his resources for the welfare of the Filipinos, as follows: donation of over \$50,000.00 worth of personal protective equipment to the Lung Center of the Philippines, the Philippine General Hospital, Lawyers for Doctors, and HelpThru during the pandemic; sponsoring the education of Filipino college students; donation of a harp valued at P1,000,000.00 to the Manila Symphony Orchestra; conducting free art workshops for the ADB Filipino staff, students at the University of Santo Tomas, and inmates at the Alabang Jail; and fund-raising for the education of Filipino students admitted to Harvard University through his work as member of the Board of Trustees of the Harvard Kennedy School Alumni Association of the Philippines;

- as an artist, he has held seven (7) art exhibitions in Manila, and most recently, "An Homage to the Philippine Landscape" at Salcedo Auctions in 2025, which celebrates natural heritage, as his tribute to the Philippines which he considers his home;
- since moving to the Philippines seventeen (17) years ago, he has mingled and formed lasting bonds with Filipinos, actively participated in and served the Filipino community, and evinced a sincere desire to learn and embrace the customs, traditions, and ideals of the Filipino people;
- he has encouraged his family to appreciate Filipino culture and the arts, including supporting his daughter Lisa's music study center under renowned Filipino pianist Raul M. Sunico, as well as her piano performance at the Cultural Center of the Philippines with the Manila Symphony Orchestra and the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra in 2013 and 2015, respectively, where she performed Filipino pieces, including *Kundiman* by Felipe P. de Leon;
- through his previous work in ADB, philanthropic work, and community involvement, he had opportunity to meet and form meaningful friendships with highly esteemed Filipinos who have dedicated their lives to the advancement of the Philippines, and through them, he has gained a deeper understanding of the country's history, culture, traditions, and ideals, which has strengthened his appreciation of the country's history, culture, traditions, and ideals, thereby strengthening his appreciation of the Filipino way of life and his sincere desire to be part of the Filipino nation.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Grants Philippine citizenship to Liping Zheng with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations, appurtenant thereto.
- Provides that upon the taking of the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized for this purpose, registration of the same with the Bureau of Immigration, and issuance of his Certificate of Naturalization, Mr. Zheng shall enter upon the full enjoyment of Philippine Citizenship.

RELATED LAW:

- Article IV, Section 1(4), 1987 Constitution