



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7422

BY REPRESENTATIVES GONZALES (A.D.), HOFER, BELARO, LAZATIN,
SY-ALVARADO AND NIETO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 671

AN ACT MANDATING THE INTEGRATION OF THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AS ONE OF THE MAJOR SUBJECTS IN THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE COURSES IN CIVIL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, SANITARY ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE AND ITS INCLUSION AS A TOPIC IN THE LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS FOR THESE COURSES

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "National
2 Building Code Integration Act".

3 SEC. 2. It is the policy of the State to protect its citizens, to
4 safeguard their life, health, property and their public welfare,
5 consistent with the principles of sound environmental management
6 and control. Towards this end, the State shall ensure that future
7 engineers will have sufficient knowledge in the construction of
8 buildings and nonbuilding structures to minimize, if not limit
9 incidents and warrant the safety of the public.

1 SEC. 3. As used in this Act, National Building Code of the
2 Philippines refers to Republic Act No. 6541, entitled "An Act to
3 Ordain and Institute a National Building Code of the Philippines",
4 which was enacted into law on August 26, 1972 and which aims to
5 provide for all buildings and structures, a framework of minimum
6 standards and requirements by guiding, regulating and controlling
7 their location, siting, design, quality of materials, construction, use,
8 occupancy, and maintenance, including their environment, utilities,
9 fixtures, equipment, and mechanical, electrical, and other systems
10 and installations.

11 SEC. 4. Pursuant to its mandate under Republic Act
12 No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994",
13 the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is hereby mandated
14 to develop and implement a course on the National Building Code of
15 the Philippines (NBCP) as a major subject in the higher education
16 curriculum of architecture and engineering courses.

17 SEC. 5. The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) is
18 hereby mandated to include the National Building Code of the
19 Philippines as a topic in the licensure examinations of the
20 abovementioned architecture and engineering courses.

21 SEC. 6. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this
22 Act, the CHED shall, in consultation with the PRC and other
23 relevant stakeholders in higher and technical education, promulgate
24 the implementing rules and regulations necessary to ensure the
25 efficient and effective implementation of this Act.

26 SEC. 7. All laws, decrees, provisions of charters, executive
27 orders, ordinances, rules and regulations or other parts thereof

1 contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
2 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

3 SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
4 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of national
5 circulation.

Approved,

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