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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **5424**



Introduced by **HON. LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The General Appropriations Acts of fiscal years 2014 to 2017 consistently provide that the appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) and that Capital Outlays (CO) were available for release and obligations for a period extending to one (1) fiscal year after the fiscal year in which said items were appropriated.

In fiscal year 2018, for example, Joint Resolution No. 3 was adopted extending the availability of the 2018 appropriations for MOOE and CO to December 31, 2019, amending for the purpose Section 61 of the General Provisions of the Republic Act No. 10964, The General Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2018.

Because of the delay in the passage of 2019 General Appropriations Act and the election ban on the implementation of infrastructure projects and social services in view of the May 31, 2019 National Elections, there are projects and programs for the delivery of basic services that were not implemented.

There are appropriations that have not been released and allotment issued that have not been obligated which shall automatically result to the reversion of the said unexpended appropriations to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund of the much-needed MOOE and CO to fund priority projects, medical assistance program, aid, and relief activities as well as for the maintenance, construction/repair, and rehabilitation of schools, hospitals, roads, bridges, and other essential facilities of the national government.

Accordingly, it is imperative that Section 65 of the General provisions of Republic Act No. 11260 (GAA 2019) should be amended such that the validity of the MOOE and CO appropriations shall be extended for another fiscal year for the benefit of the people and for the welfare of the nation.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS FOR
MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL
OUTLAYS TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION
65 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 11260, THE GENERAL
APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2019

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

SECTION 1. Section 65 of the 2019 General Appropriations Act or Republic Act 11260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

" All appropriations authorized in this Act shall be available for release and obligation for the purpose specified, and under the same special provisions applicable thereto, until December 31, 2020."

SECTION 2. *Separability Clause.* If any portion or provision of this Act or the application thereof shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the validity of other parts or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, executive issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,