

## Eighteenth Congress First Regular Session

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. \_



## Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE LOREN B. LEGARDA

## JOINT RESOLUTION

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 NO. 11260, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, the General Appropriations Act for fiscal years 2014 to 2017 consistently provide that the appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) and 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;

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2018, 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;

WHEREAS, 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 13, 2019 National Elections, there are projects and programs for the delivery of basic services that were not implemented;

WHEREAS, 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;

WHEREAS, it is clearly imperative that Section 65 of the General provisions of Republic Act No. 11260 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: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate of the Philippines voting separately, To extend the validity and period of availability of the Fiscal Year 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 No. 11260, otherwise known as the General Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2019.

Approved,

