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House Bill No. 5162



Introduced by **HON. JOSEPHINE VERONIQUE “Jaye” R. LACSON - NOEL**
Malabon City, Lone District

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The “Build Build Build” Program was introduced by President Rodrigo Duterte in 2016. Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanar stated that the program would be the pathway to the Philippine’s “Golden Age of Infrastructure.” Since then, the program introduced 75 flagship projects¹. The Plaridel Bypass Road in Bulacan, Laguna Lake Express Way, and a flood control project are among those that are already finished². The program has also led to the fast-tracking of infrastructure projects approved during the previous administrations³. The introduction of the said program shows the commitment of the current administration on infrastructural developments, more so, our economic advancements. However, there are encountered obstacles towards the realization of this dream.

Pursuant to Section 12 (b) of Republic Act No. 9514, otherwise known as the “Revised Fire Code of the Philippines of 2008”, both private and public buildings, facilities and structures are required to pay taxes and fees for the purchase of fire sprinklers as required by the building code.

I believe, in order to fully utilize the respective budgets of these government institutions, it is imperative that they should be exempted from the payment of the prescribed taxes and fees.

¹ DuterteNomics unveiled - <https://pcoo.gov.ph/dutertenomics-unveiled/>

² Presidential adviser: ‘Build, Build, Build’ will be Duterte’s legacy - <https://news.mb.com.ph/2019/09/16/presidential-adviser-build-build-build-will-be-dutertes-legacy/>

³ Fast-tracked infra projects, reform agenda to prop up PHL as new Asian economic powerhouse - <https://www.dof.gov.ph/index.php/fast-tracked-infra-projects-reform-agenda-to-prop-up-phl-as-new-asian-economic-powerhouse/>

Thus, this bill seeks to promote the “Build, Build, Build” program of the government by exempting any government agency, bureau or instrumentality from the payment of taxes and fees imposed upon the purchase of fire sprinklers and taxes on the assessed value of the buildings for the construction of public buildings, facilities and structures by amending Section 13 of the Fire Code of the Philippines, thereby enabling the full and effective implementation of the Build, Build, Build program towards nation-building.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT EXEMPTING
A GOVERNMENT AGENCY, BUREAU OR INSTRUMENTALITY FROM THE
PAYMENT OF TAXES AND FEES ON THE PURCHASE OF FIRE SPRINKLERS FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION, ESTABLISHMENT, REHABILITATION AND/OR
IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, FACILITIES AND/OR STRUCTURES BY
AMENDING SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9514 OR OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS “THE REVISED FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”**

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

SECTION 1. – Section 13 of Republic Act No. 9514, otherwise known as the
“Revised Fire Code of the Philippines of 2008” is hereby amended to read as follows:

*SECTION 13. Collection of Taxes, Fees and Fines. - All taxes, fees and fines provided in
this Code shall be collected by the BFP: Provided, That twenty percent (20%) of all such
collections shall be set aside and retained for use by the city or municipal government
concerned, which shall appropriate the same exclusively for the use of the operation and
maintenance of its local fire station, including the construction and repair of fire station:
Provided, further, That the remaining eighty (80%) shall be remitted to the National
Treasury under a trust fund assigned for the modernization of the BFP.*

SECTION 13-A. Xxx

SECTION 13-B. Xxx

SECTION 13-C. EXEMPTION FROM THE COLLECTION OF FIRE CODE TAXES, FEES AND FINES. - Upon duly determination of the BFP Chief, the governmental agency, bureau or instrumentality involved in the construction, establishment, rehabilitation or improvement of public buildings, facilities and/or structures shall be exempted from the payment of taxes and fees under Section 12 (b) (2) or the One-tenth of one percentum (0.1%) of the verified estimated value of buildings or structures to be erected, from the owner thereof, but not to exceed Fifty thousand (P50,000.00) pesos and Section 12 (b) (5) or the Two per centum (2%) of gross sales for the purchase of sprinkler systems.

SECTION 13-~~C~~D. Use of Income Generated from the Enforcement of the Fire Code. - The Chief, BFP is authorized, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, to use the income generated under the Fire Code for procurement of fire protection and fire fighting investigation, rescue, paramedics, supplies and materials, and related technical services necessary for the fire service and the improvement of facilities of the Bureau of Fire Protection and abatement of fire hazards.

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SECTION 13-~~D~~E. Monitoring the Implementation of the Fire Code and the Amount of the Fees Collected. - The Chief, BFP shall, within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Code, submit to the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government for his/her approval, a management tool or mechanism that would ensure effective monitoring of the enforcement of the Fire Code to include the amount of Fire Code fees collected.

SECTION 2. - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government shall issue the rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 3. - In case any provision of this Act or any portion thereof is declared unconstitutional by a competent court, other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 4. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,