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PRIORITY BILLS OF THE BUSINESS SECTOR (18th CONGRESS)*

I. Enacted into Law

1. Transnational Higher Education Act (RA 11448) – signed August 28, 2019
2. Salary Standardization Law (RA 11466) – signed January 8, 2020
3. Amended Excise Tax Law on Alcohol, E-cigarettes (RA 11467) – signed January 22, 2020
4. Bayanihan to Heal as One Act/Emergency Powers law to address COVID-19 situation (RA 11469) – signed March 23, 2020
5. Bayanihan to Recover as One (RA 11494) – signed September 11, 2020

II. For Signature of the President

1. Expediting the Issuance of Permits

*Updated as of October 26, 2020. This list of legislation is a consolidation of important bills of interest to the business community, most of which are currently being considered in the 18th Congress. The compilation of this list in no way implies that all foreign chambers and business groups have approved every measure or even studied all of them.





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- III. Approved on Second/Third Reading
1. Better Normal for Workplace, Public Spaces and Communities Act - RSR
Senate: Pending in Health Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
 2. Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act
Senate: Approved on Third Reading
House: Approved by Agriculture Committee
 3. Covid-19 Unemployment Reduction Economic Stimulus
Senate: Pending in Finance Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
 4. Declaring Mining-free Zone - Biliran - RSR
Senate: No bill filed
House: Approved on Second Reading
 5. Declaring the Iglesia ni Cristo Foundation every July 27 as NWH – RSR
Senate: Pending in Constitutional amendments and Revision of Laws Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
 6. Declaring Chinese New Year as NWH – RSR
Senate: Pending in Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Laws Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
 7. Delineation of Forest Limits
Senate: Pending in Environment Committee
House: Approved on Second Reading





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8. Department of National Disaster Risk Reduction
Senate: Under National Defense Committee deliberation
House: Approved on Third Reading
9. Digital Workforce Competitiveness/ Digital Careers bill
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved on Third Reading
10. E-government bill
Senate: Pending in Science and Technology Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
11. Financial Institution Strategic Transfer (FIST) Act
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved on Third Reading
12. Foreign Investments Act amendments
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved on Third Reading
13. Granting Additional Service Incentive Leave (RSR)
Senate: Pending in Labor Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
14. National Transportation Safety Board creation
Senate: Approved on Third Reading
House: Approved by Government Reorganization and Transportation Committee





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15. Public Services Act amendments
Senate: Under Public Services Committee deliberation
House: Approved on Third Reading
 16. Real Property Valuation Reform
Senate: Pending in Finance Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
 17. Retail Trade Act amendments
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved on Third Reading
 18. Rural Agricultural and Fisheries Development Financing System Act
Senate: Pending in Agriculture Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
 19. Tax Reform (TRAIN 4 – Financial Sector)
Senate: Under Ways and Means Committee deliberation
House: Approved on Third Reading
 20. Tax Reform (TRAIN 2/TRABAHO – Corporate Income Tax, Fiscal Incentives; RSR)
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved on Third Reading
- III. Pending Second Reading
1. Better Internet Act
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Under ICT TWG deliberation





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2. Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Under Energy and Ecology Committee deliberation
3. Government Financial Institutions Unified Initiatives to Distressed Enterprises for Economic Recovery (GUIDE)
Senate: Pending in Government Corporations Committee
House: Pending Second Reading
4. Internet Transactions Act
Senate: Under Trade Committee TWG deliberation
House: Pending Second Reading
5. Mining Fiscal regime bills (RSR)
Senate: Pending in Ways and Means Committee
House: Pending Second Reading
6. Security of Tenure (RSR)
Senate: Pending in Labor Committee
House: Pending Second Reading
7. Regulation on Employment of Foreign Nationals
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Pending in Labor Committee
8. Thirty-five Hour Work Week Scheme
Senate: No bill filed
House: Pending Second Reading





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9. VAT on Digital Transactions
Senate: No bill filed
House: Pending Second Reading

 10. Waste-to-Energy bill
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Pending Second Reading
- IV. Approved by Committee
1. Water Sector Reform Act
Senate: Pending in Public Services Committee
House: Approved by Government Reorganization Committee
- V. Under Committee/TWG Deliberation
1. BOT Law amendments
Senate: Under Public Works TWG deliberation
House: Pending in Public Works Committee

 2. Amending Contractor's License Law
Senate: Under Trade Committee deliberation
House: Under Trade TWG deliberation

 3. Granting Emergency Powers to the President to address Traffic Congestion/Creating the Office of Mobility Czar
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Pending in Transportation Committee





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- 4. Lifting foreign equity restrictions
Senate: Pending in Constitutional Amendments Committee
House: Under Constitutional Amendments Committee deliberation

